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RESISTANCE



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LOCAL BRANCH. Pedlar Bldg.

Woman and Three Children Trapped in Blazing Cockloft.

Tragic City Fire.

Overcome By Fumes.

VERANDAH LEAPS.

Although a fire which broke out in the City late last night caused trifling property damage, it took a tragic toll of life, a young woman and three children, all girls, perishing when trapped in a cockloft.

The victims were discovered by firemen overcome by the fumes and badly burned. They were rushed to the Government Civil Hospital, but died later. They were:

Tung Ngan, a woman, age unknown.
Chan So-ha, aged nine.
Chan Leung-fu, aged eight.
Chan Ho-mul, aged three.



The scene of last night's fire tragedy. Four were killed and several injured, though comparatively little damage was done to property.

The brigade received the alarm, raised by a passer-by about 11.45 p.m., and three appliances and three ambulances were rushed to the scene, only a stone's throw from the Fire Station, under the direction of Station Officer W. M. Smith.

A ladder at the rear of the building led firemen to the cockloft where the inert bodies of the four inmates were discovered.

Subsequently ladders were run up to the floor from which four people were brought down, while two boys, both of whom suffered slightly from burns to the hands, were also rescued.

Panic on First Floor.

A man and a woman had earlier jumped from the first floor verandah in a panic, and were slightly injured, necessitating their removal to hospital.

The fire itself, however, was quickly under control, and never spread beyond the cockloft, which was burnt out, and the personal belongings of the inmates destroyed.

The cause of the fire has not been ascertained, but it is believed that it can be traced to a lamp or joss stick left burning in the room, which somehow set fire to some rattan baskets.

Scene of Tragedy.

Chinese Street is a small lane between Pottinger Street and the Central Market, connecting Queen's Road and Des Voeux Road. The building affected was one of three storeys, the ground floor housing a salt merchant, while the two upper floors were used as tenements.

Chan Chuen, the proprietor of the ground floor business occupied the premises with his family and utilised a cockloft as sleeping quarters of his wife and daughters. With two sons and two employees, he himself slept in another part of the premises.

When aroused by the flames, the proprietor's wife and the children attempted to leave their beds but were overcome by the fumes. So small and ill-ventilated were the premises that the other inmates too felt the suffocating effects of the smoke, but they managed to escape into the street—little the worse for their experience.

NAVAL MUTINY CANARD.

PORTUGAL DENIES EXILE STORIES.

London, Sept. 17. There is no truth in the report, emanating from Portuguese political exiles in Spain, of a mutiny in the Portuguese Fleet. Neither is it true that martial law has been proclaimed in Lisbon or Oporto.

The whole country is quiet.—*Reuter.*

GENERAL ELECTION.

OUTLOOK CURIOUSLY UNCERTAIN.

CONTRADICTION STATEMENTS.

THE AYES. THE NOES.

London, Sept. 18. Despite the opposition expressed at the Liberal Party meeting, political opinion generally is convinced that there will be an early appeal to the country by the National Government, headed by Mr. MacDonald, on the tariff issue.

This will probably entail a change in the National Government's personnel, owing to the defection of Sir Herbert Samuel and other Free Traders.

It is suggested that all the Government's business is certain to be passed by both Houses in time to dissolve Parliament on October 9.

This would automatically mean that October 19 would be Polling Day.

The newspapers continue to give prominence to election talk.

Bankers Meet Premier.

There are contradictory reports regarding a meeting last night between the representatives of the banks and the Prime Minister, after which the Cabinet sat until 9.30 p.m.

On the one hand, it is stated that the bankers asked for a definite announcement that there would be no election at present, at least until the present danger to sterling is past. On the other hand, it is stated that the bankers' interview was concerned solely with precautions to safeguard the pound during the election, and that a Government announcement of a national appeal is most likely to be made in the next few days.—*Reuter.*

SOUTHEAST DEFEAT THAMES.

WIN AWAY AFTER HOME FAILURE.

London, Sept. 17. On the ground of the Thames F.C. in the Third Division (South) today, Southend United were successful by three goals to one. Last week, at Southend, a draw resulted.—*Reuter.*

Sheer Speculation.

Statements as to the personal attitudes of members of the Government.

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Japanese War Preparations Denied.

Mr. Shigemitsu on the Situation in Political Tokyo.

(Our Own Correspondent). Shanghai, Sept. 18.

The strong rumours that Japan is mobilising troops for a campaign in Manchuria has called forth a statement from the new Minister to China, Mr. Shigemitsu, who declares that the reports are without foundation.

He states that the Japanese are working with a view to securing an amicable settlement of the Nakamura incident, and that Tokyo despatches report that while the military authorities appear still prepared to bring forward a motion in Cabinet meeting that drastic steps be taken with a view to settling Sino-Japanese disputes in Manchuria and Mongolia, at the present Japanese diplomatic authorities still hold the belief that a settlement of the issues can be effected by diplomatic means.

The military leaders are trying to force some sort of demonstration by means of force of arms, in Manchuria, but the Premier and Foreign Secretary are both firmly opposed to such steps, maintaining that there shall be no departure from a policy of "friendship and peace."

Mr. Shigemitsu says the latter views are supported by the majority of the intelligentsia of Japan.

GANDHI'S GRIEVANCE.

Cards Not on the Table.

IMPORTANT PROPOSAL.

London, Sept. 17. Gandhi lodged a "gentle and humble complaint" against His Majesty's advisers at the Federal Structure Committee meeting to-day, for not giving the Indian members a lead.

He wanted them, he said, to place their cards on the table and to submit concrete proposals. The proceedings seemed interminable to him and were leading practically nowhere.

Lord Sankey undertook to bring the suggestions he made in this sense to the notice of the Government.

The Mahatma made a long speech, declaring himself at the outset to be oppressed by a fear that the delegates were not the chosen ones of India, but of the Government.

There was a sense of unreality about the Committee while the Government had not given them a lead which would help them to reach conclusions. He wished the Government to say what they would do if Indians had appointed them arbiters of their destiny.

Gandhi then proceeded to deal seriatim with the points before the meeting.

Give and Take.

India, historically, was one country, and the Princes, in agreeing to federation, had helped to maintain that unity. There must be a spirit of give and take between British India and the Indian States for without it a definite and workable scheme of federation was impossible.

Gandhi found himself in agreement with the remarks made by Lord Peel, who had pointed out certain advantages which the method of indirect election possessed over direct election. He said he was wedded to adult suffrage and he was not enamoured of two Chambers in the Legislature, while he opposed the whole idea of nominated members. Experts could attend to give advice, but they should not be able to vote.

While in favour of adult suffrage, he thought and proposed that each of half a million villages should elect one representative and that these elected persons should appoint, by election, men for the Federal Legislature.

This, said Gandhi, would obviate the creation of unwieldy constituencies. He was opposed to a Second Chamber and opposed to separate treatment on any of the special interests apart from the Hindu.—*(Continued on Page 7.)*

FORGIVE & FORGET.



A TOUCH OF REALITY. Chief Petty Officer Willis is shown about offering suggestions at Elstree Studios where a submarine disaster is being filmed, more or less as a sequel to the Poseidon tragedy.

FRANCE SHOCKED BY PROSPECT OF TARIFF IN BRITAIN.

POSEIDON HERO HONOURED.

"PLENTY OF OTHERS WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME."

London, Sept. 17. Chief Petty Officer Willis, the hero of the Poseidon disaster, was entertained this evening by the Molesey branch of the British Legion, of which he has been made an honorary member.

C. P. O. Willis was presented with a gold watch and his wife, Mrs. Willis, with a travelling bag, by Colonel John Brown, the National Chairman of the Legion.

In a modest reply to addresses praising his conduct in the Poseidon disaster, C. P. O. Willis said there were plenty of others in the submarine service who would have done exactly the same as he did.—*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI WANTS LINDBERGH'S INVITATION SENT BY CABLE.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Sept. 18. General Chang Chun, the Mayor of Greater Shanghai, telegraphed last night inviting Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh to visit Shanghai.

The Senior Consul, Mr. Edwin S. Cunningham (United States), the French Consul, Mr. Koehlin, and the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Brigadier General Macnaghten, have also sent a similar telegraphic request.

CIGARETTES TO COST MORE.

EFFECT OF TAX INCREASE.

To-morrow the prices of cigarettes and tobacco will take a jump—and a substantial jump too, it is said, for the consumer will be called upon to bear the additional tax on tobacco imposed by the Government.

The effect of the new duty is an increase of from 20 to 40 per cent., and tobacco companies state that they cannot absorb the entire amount. Consequently the burden will be passed on to the consumer.

What the actual increase in retail prices will be is not yet known, for the new scale of charges by distributors has not yet been fully made clear to retail vendors, who will set their prices accordingly. It is stated however that the price of the packet of 10 now being sold at 20 or 22 cents, will be increased to 25.

As the new tax is already operating, retailers are expected to lose no time in introducing their new charges.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

UNREST IN NAVY.

THE ADMIRALTY ATTITUDE.

German Newspaper Suspended.

London, Sept. 17. The past is past and it is in everybody's interest to forget it, declared Sir Austen Chamberlain, First Lord of the Admiralty to-night, replying to the demand of the Labour Party that there should be no penalisation in connexion with the naval unrest.

Speakers on the Labour side stressed that they did not condone indiscipline in the Navy.

The Communist newspaper *Rote Fahne*, published in Berlin, has been suspended for a month for printing an inflammatory message to British sailors, urging them to disarm and chase their officers off their ships.

In the debate in the Commons on the adjournment of the House, raised by Mr. W. P. Hall (Lab. Portsmouth Central), Sir Austen Chamberlain paid tribute to the senior officers commanding the Atlantic Fleet for the tact and commonsense of their actions, which would, he believed, be warmly echoed by the men of the Fleet.

Action Not Excusable.

As regards the Lower Deck, although there was action which could not be excused, he might almost say that it spoke well for the general discipline of the Navy that the action should have passed so quietly and without disturbance.

He felt confident that in accordance with the traditions of the Service, the men would loyally uphold it and would not look back to what had happened, but forward to rendering further service to their country.

Mr. Hall's Criticisms.

After dealing with detailed criticism of the cuts made by Mr. Hall, Sir Austen said that with regard to special cases of hardship and unfairness, the Admiralty was prepared to make enquiry with the hope of finding a method of alleviating the hardships. He pointed out that men joining the Service since 1925 were receiving no actual cut in pay.

All grievances would be sifted by the district Commanders-in-Chief, but the general scheme of economy laid down by the Government was required in order to restore national prosperity and national credit. They could not allow it to be eaten away in detail, but they were ready, in the case of exceptional hardship, to provide a remedy if they could.

That was the purpose of the inquiry which would be opened at the earliest possible moment after the arrival of ships at their home ports.

Mr. Alexander Satisfied.

The former First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, expressed himself as gratified by the Government statement and the motion for the adjournment of the House, was withdrawn.

It is understood that the Commanders-in-Chief of the Home Fleet have been summoned to the Admiralty to discuss a plan for the holding of the inquiry into the grievances of the men regarding pay cuts.

New Zealand Position.

From Wellington, N.Z., it is reported that the Admiralty cuts in pay have been accepted philosophically by the two "kangaroo" officers and men of the British sloops, *Laburnum* and *Yaronga*. The crews of H.M.S. *Dunedin* and *Diamond*, who are paid by the New Zealand Government, are not affected but it is expected that their pay will soon be subjected to a ten per cent. civil service cut.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

MR. NORMAN'S AIR OF MYSTERY.

TRAVELLING HOME INCOGNITO.

London, Sept. 17. Refusing to be interviewed, Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, Britain's "mystery man of finance," sailed for England to-day aboard the *Duchess of Bedford*.

Mr. Norman is travelling incognito. His name does not appear in the passenger list.—*Reuter.*

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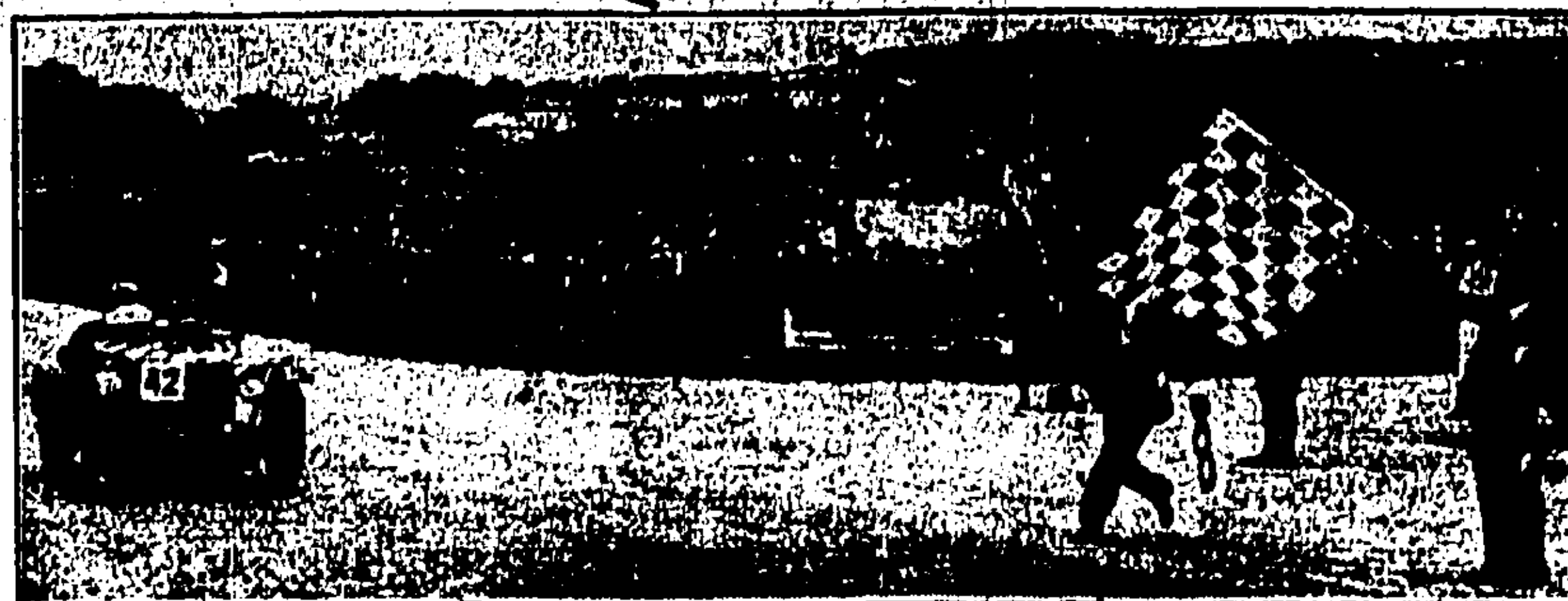
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The International Tourist Trophy Race over the Avds Circuit, near Belfast, was won by Mr. Norman Black, whose M. G. Midget car is seen passing the finishing post.

FREE PURCHASE SCHEME.

DEFINED BY POLICE AS A
LOTTERY.

SINCERE'S PLEA.

Of considerable interest to business circles was the case which came before Mr. Williams at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon when the Manager of the Sincere Company appeared to answer a summons alleging that between the dates of August 26 and September 1 he caused to be printed or published an announcement relative to a lottery, this being contrary to Section 9, of the Gambling Ordinance, No. 2 of 1891.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, Public Prosecutor, appeared for the Police, with Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P. The defence was conducted by Mr. Hing-shing Lo under instructions from Messrs. Lyson & Hall.

In his opening, Mr. Fitzroy dealt with the circumstances under which the Police took action against the defendant, and quoted legal citations as to the holding of a lottery within the meaning of Section 9 of the Gambling Ordinance, which held a person to have committed an offence who printed or published, or caused to be printed or published, an announcement relative to the holding of a lottery.

Mrs. Barrett, of the Hongkong Daily Press, who was called as a witness, deposed to an advertisement relative to the free day purchase scheme published in that journal, and to certain account documents relative to this advertisement.

Li Shek, a police sergeant, stated that on August 27 he went to the Sincere Departmental Stores and there obtained two handbills, one in English and another in Chinese, which he later handed over to Mr. Murphy.

In indicating the lines of his defence, Mr. Lo dealt with the Public Prosecutor's reference to certain conditions which had been argued as having a bearing on the issue, but his own submission, he said, would be that before they could find the scheme as a lottery within the legal meaning, they had first to ascertain if it had not for its object the carrying on of legitimate business. Two points, consequently, had to be examined, firstly, whether the scheme was published by his client, and, secondly, whether the scheme thus published constituted a lottery within the meaning of the ordinance.

Counsel referred to the surrounding circumstances of the case as leading to the conclusion that the case for the Police was one that involved a matter of policy rather than a breach of law. He pointed out that an incorporated company like the Sincere Company could not be prosecuted for such an offence.

The Main Point.

On his advice, his client had admitted publication and all that the Police had deposed to with regard to the conduct of the sale, in order to get the main point at issue quickly disposed of. Quoting from legal authorities, counsel argued that a lottery was one governed by a distribution of chances or by lot, or

one entirely dependent upon chance. But where the matter was dependent on skill judgment, foresight, or discretion, or containing an element of dead certainty, it was not a lottery. He was not going to say that the scheme at issue called for a lot of skill, but he was going to call evidence that, for the customers of the Sincere Company, the matter was one dependent on their discretion, judgment or foresight. He would even say that it became a matter of dead certainty.

Speaking of the scheme, which he said was an important one, as it involved sales amounting to tens of thousands of dollars in a day, and was unique in the history of departmental stores, counsel defined it as follows: The board of directors gave permission to his client to choose 14 days as the period of cheap sale. One of these 14 days was to be declared, by an absolutely fair process, as a free purchase day. The total cash takings from old and new customers on these fourteen days were to be added up for the purpose of arriving at a fair average, and the day on which the cash takings (they necessarily varied from day to day) most closely approached the average taken would be declared a free purchase day. The benefit for the customer from this one free purchase day would of course be additional to the usual discount of ten per cent, allowed for cheap sales of which the present was one.

Continuing, Counsel remarked that if there was an element of chance in the case, there was also an element of dead certainty. The Sincere Company was out to give away, unconditionally, one whole day's takings in these 14 days. The Sincere Company, he was instructed to say, was one of the largest stores of its kind in Hongkong and possibly in the Far East. He was instructed to say that it started as a departmental store in 1900 with a very small capital, amounting to \$30,000. Ever since that date, the business had grown tremendously so that now it was trading with a capital which had grown to ten millions, having principal branches in Canton and Shanghai. Its organization included directors who were leading business men of the Colony, and an uninterrupted spell of prosperity had been its record.

Stood to Lose Nothing.

Before putting his client into the box, Mr. Lo said that the witness would admit publication of the scheme, but that he would say that the scheme was a bona fide invitation to buy goods within a period in which there would be benefit to something like a 17 per cent, discount. The customers in any event stood to lose nothing whatever.

Mr. David Chen See, Manager of the Sincere Company, in the witness-box, explained the scheme, and bore out the remarks of Counsel regarding the benefits it conferred on the customers.

In reply to Mr. Fitzroy witness said that the particular free day was not a fixed day nor had it ever been fixed. The principle of determining the day was to total up the takings for the fourteen days and, after taking the average, fix the day which was nearest the average.

Mr. Fitzroy: Unless you are a canny Scotsman and bought every day you have a 13/1 chance against you?

Witness: Yes, but it's your fault if you don't come every day.

Addressing the Bench, Mr. Lo

UTTERING A FORGED BANK-NOTE.

YOUNG CHINESE SENTENCED
AT KOWLOON.

An admission by the defendant shortened the proceedings at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Fraser yesterday afternoon when a young Chinese, Kwan Chun, was again produced on the charges of feloniously uttering a forged one-dollar Straits Settlement note and possessing two other forged Straits Settlement notes.

It will be recalled that the defendant bought a pair of shoes on September 6, tendering a forged note and receiving 90 cents in Hongkong currency as change. This note was subsequently found to be forged, and later inquiries made by the Police revealed that the defendant had two other notes in his possession.

In admitting the charges yesterday, defendant said the notes had been given him by a relation who had returned from Singapore.

His Worship remarked that he would take into consideration the defendant's age and the fact that he had now made a clean breast of the matter. It was his first offence and his Worship did not want to be too hard on him.

Defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour, and in addition, ordered to find surety of \$250, or to serve a further term of three months, making four months in all.

pointed out that there was no suggestion of fraud on the part of the prosecution. The announcement was an invitation for people to go throughout the period of the sale and not confine their purchases to the beginning and to the end. The rebate was thus about seven per cent, while customers were given 10 per cent on the day of the purchase at the store.

After quoting various cases on what constituted gambling, Mr. Lo mentioned that in the present case there was the absence of any element of uncertainty or chance. There had to be a loss to the competitor and a gain to the promoter, the competitor in the present case being the customer and the promoter the Sincere Company. The public had to be demoralised by the scheme, before it constituted a lottery.

Mr. Lo, before concluding, commented upon the high standing and rapid expansion of the Sincere Company and remarked that from a capital of \$30,000 the company had grown to a firm of \$10,000,000 in 20 years. This was due to the conscientious and upright directors of the company.

In asking his Worship to dismiss the summons, Mr. Lo said that the ingredients of a lottery were totally absent and the advertisement was a bona fide invitation to the customer. There was no cloak or blind to cover up the nature of the transaction. There was no suggestion that the company was defrauding the public. There was an element of sincerity in their intentions as they offered customers a further ten per cent discount as soon as the "free day purchase" had to be abandoned.

His Worship reserved his decision until next Thursday.

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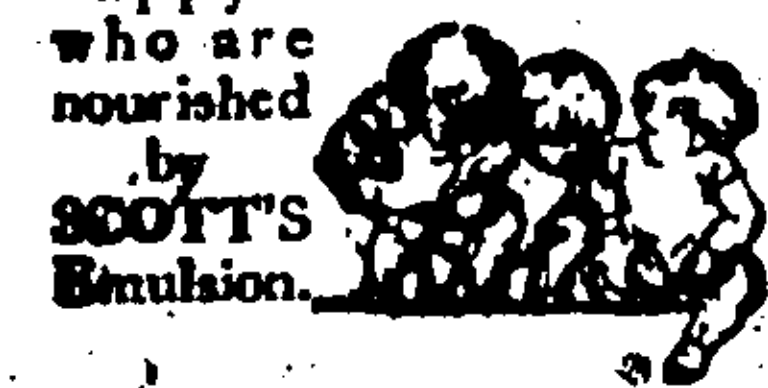
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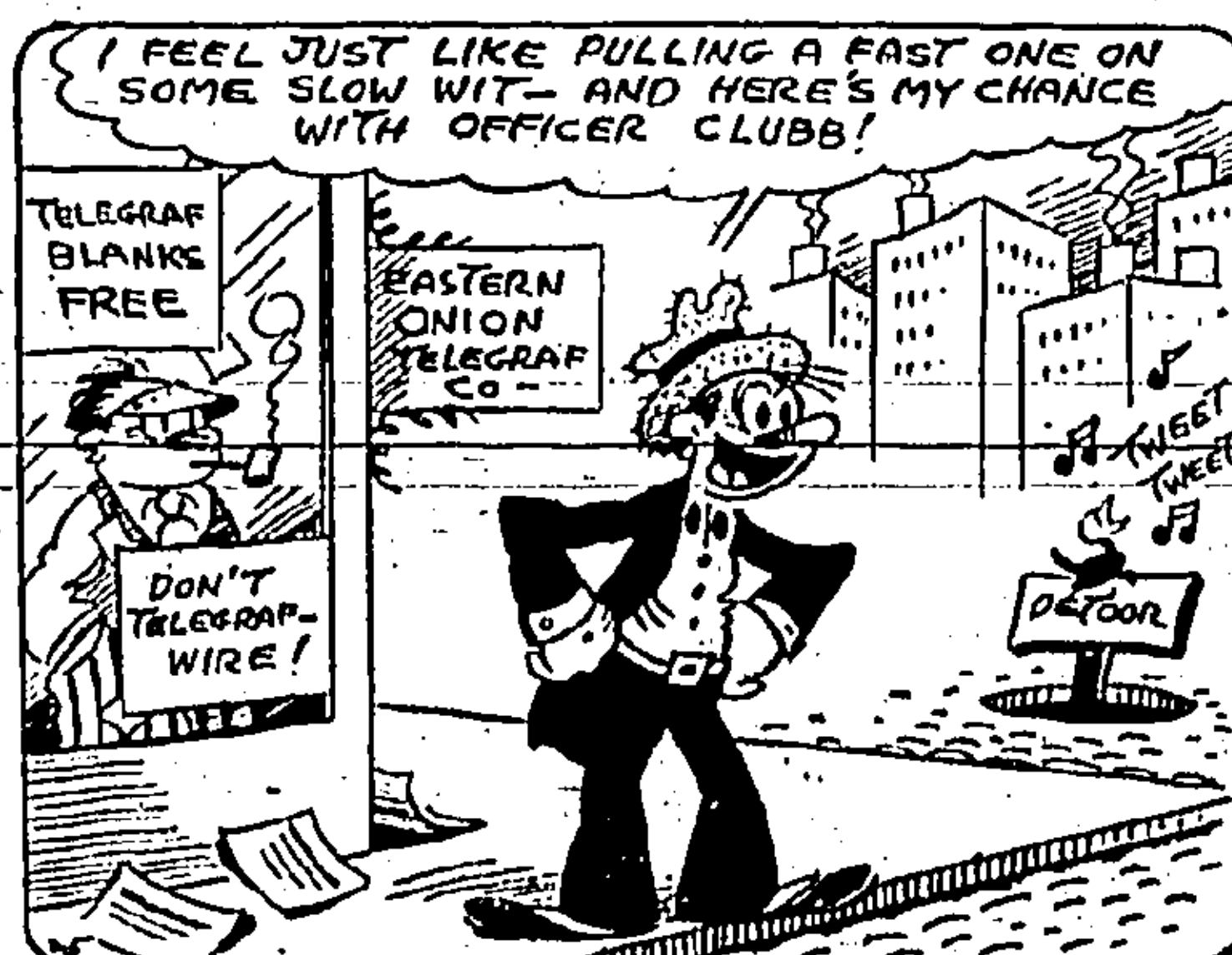
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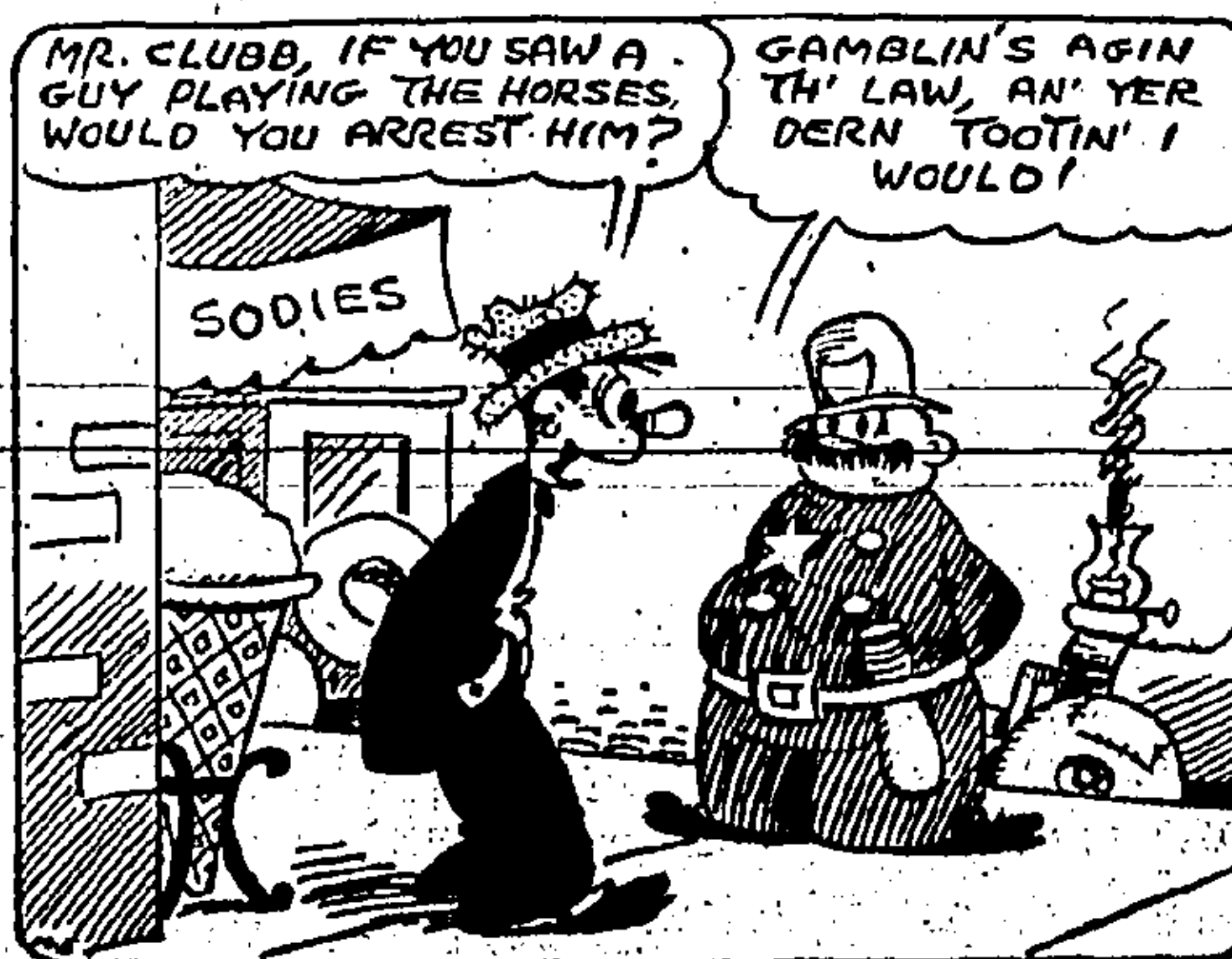
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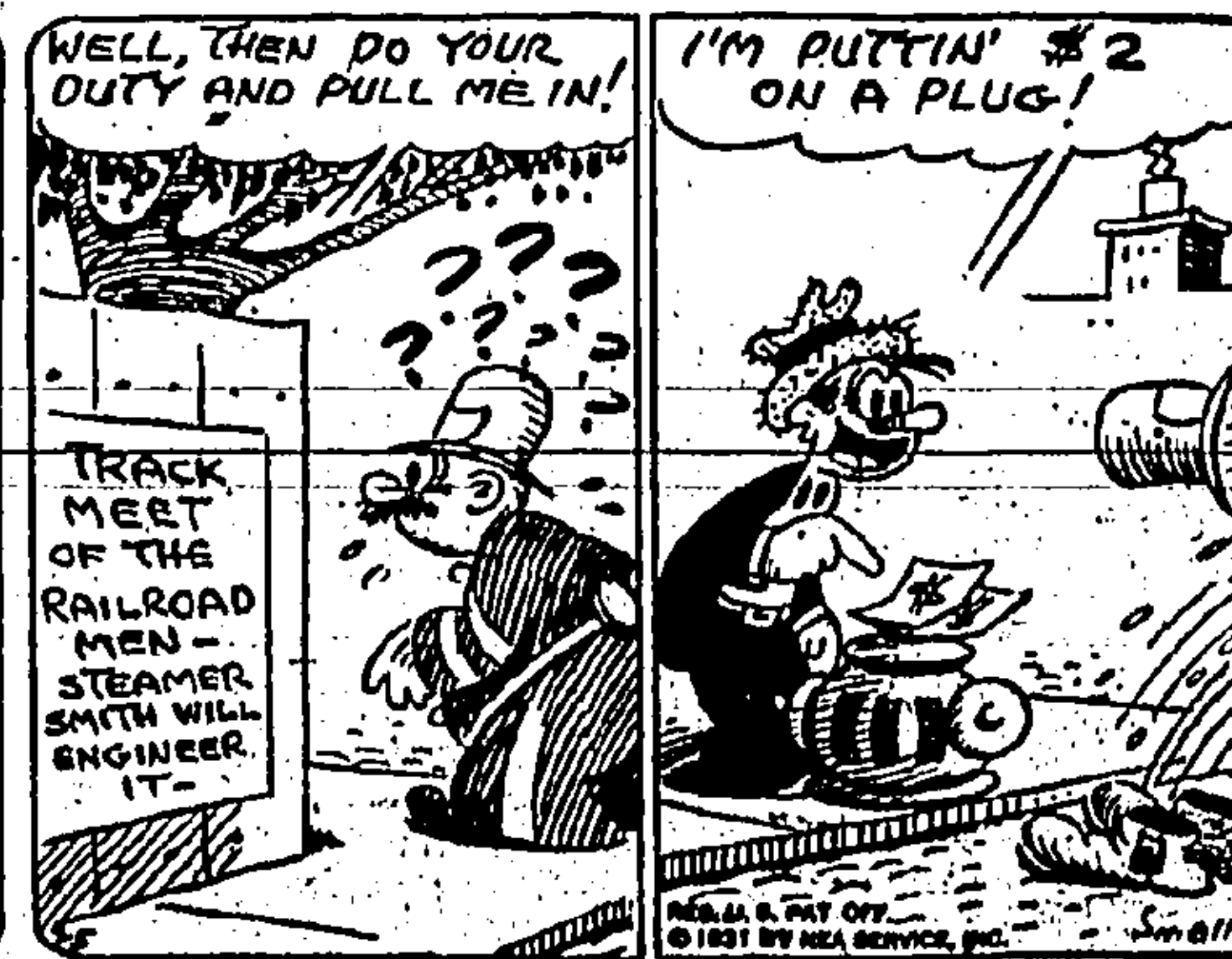
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LOST GOLD MINE FOUND.



Fifty-five years after Russell Gardner found a specimen of ore valued at \$500,000 in Tank Canyon, Utah, and was unable to find the spot after a landslide, one of his descendants, Duncan Gardner, left of Lake City, has rediscovered the "lost" gold mine, the entrance to which is shown above.



These smiling honeymooners from America posed for the photographer on their arrival in London. They are Mr. C. Mackay, wealthy telegraph magnate, and his bride, the former Miss Anna Case, famous opera soprano. Mr. Mackay is a director of the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York.

Heart of Liane
by MABEL McELLIOTT

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Liane Barrett, in and lovely, falls in love at first sight with Van Rensselaer, handsome man of the world. Liane's mother, Cass, warns her not to have anything to do with him. At Willow Stream, N. Y., where Cass is playing summer stock, Liane meets Muriel Laid, debutante, said to be in love with a reporter, Chuck Desmond. Else Minter tells Liane there is gossip about Rensselaer and Muriel's mother.

When Cass is taken ill on tour Liane rushes to her. Cass battles in her delirium of some mystery concerning the girl's birth. The rich Mrs. Cleespaugh invites Cass to return to her home to convalesce. Cleespaugh asks Liane to marry him and, piqued by the announcement of Van's engagement to Muriel, she accepts.

Tressa Lord, a house guest at the Cleespaugh's, is rude to Liane. When the engagement of Liane and Van is announced Tressa begins to plot against her with the aid of a blackmail sheet. Liane goes to Shane McDermid, police officer who once befriended her, and he settles the blackmailers.

Shane warns Liane she has an enemy. At a ball given for the benefit of St. Xavier's Liane disappears. Chuck Desmond, Cleespaugh and the Prince go off in separate cars hunting for her. Liane is taken to a lonely house on the shore and one of her captors terrifies her so that she falls and strikes her head, cutting it. She is left in charge of the old woman, Molly.

CHAPTER XXVII

Clive cursed himself for a witless fool to have lost even 40 seconds in fruitless conversation. "And I may be going the wrong way," he growled. He swerved in before two green lamps marking the police booth at the cross-roads. "Girl kidnapped from the Hunt Club," he said briefly to the uniformed man who stuck his head out of the box. "We were told the car headed back toward town." Clive's face was white, grim.

"I'll go along with you, Mr. Cleespaugh," the policeman said respectfully. He spoke a few succinct words into a microphone before locking the booth.

"This may be a hell of a wild goose chase," Clive offered, keeping his foot on the accelerator until the dial hand spun to 70, "but it's the only way we know. There may be a clue."

In the mirror he could see the lights of the big car behind. Grimly he kept that intent, ahead foot on the gas pedal. There was a sort of relief in driving furiously.

Fool, idiot, doll! He cursed himself roundly and silently as he drove. To think he had permitted the child to get out of his sight for a single moment, especially after that anonymous letter he had received a few days before.

"Watch out," the letter had said. "The Powers don't want this marriage to go through. Be warned." It had been signed "Well Wisher" and Clive had laughed it off as the work of some harmless crank. Well, he knew better now. God, to think of Liane in the hands of snags!

"That's a police car up ahead. Mr. Cleespaugh," the man beside him said after a minute. "Better draw up."

Two youngsters in uniform, six-footers both, thrust their heads out of the Ford and one asked, "Where the hell do you think you're going?"

Officer McHugh leaned out into the glare shed by the dashlights. "You kids get along there and let the law take its course," he advised presently. "Mr. Cleespaugh and I are on the trail of a Jersey sedan. Seen one this way?"

"The words are full of 'em," one of the young policemen said. Then, "Say—I did notice these fellows in one that passed a few minutes ago. The driver was all dressed up but had a cap on. I said to myself that was kinda funny."

Clive cried, "Did you notice if there was anyone in the back seat?"

"The shade was down. I didn't think much of that because some of these birds don't like the lights on the mirror."

"You're not bad, Delahanty," said Officer McHugh with an air of kindly patronage. "I'll be speakin' to the chief about ye. The words floated back for Clive was already on his way.

Where was Liane at this moment? Were the beasts frightening her? Was she in the hands of some madmen? Clive shuddered. He said aloud, "If they lay hands on her, by the Lord, I'll—"

His hands tightened at the wheel. The older man glanced at him curiously.

"Take it easy, boy," he advised kindly. "If it's for ransom they took the girl, don't fret. They'll not mishandle her. They'll return her safe and sound. I make no doubt there's a letter at the house waiting, askin' you will you leave the packet at so-and-so's corner."

"If it's only money they do want!" Clive groaned.

Officer McHugh said peacefully, "I'd be slow'n down a bit now. We're coming into the village and I don't know are the lights at Main Street workin' this time of night or not."

Clive slowed obediently. A suburban sedan with a young woman at the wheel rattled across the intersection, the driver throwing an annoyed glance at the car whose brakes had screamed—so unmercifully.

"Late hours for a woman to be out alone," observed McHugh. Then he clicked his teeth together. "Seen that woman somewhere," he ruminated. He said to Clive, "It's a hunch! Follow that car."

Clive, certain that the man had lost his wits but unwilling to lose sight of any clue, however faint, veered about and began to take up the trail of the little dash light, winking up the road ahead of them.

"She belongs in a gang down by the shore," McHugh said rapidly. "They've a queer place with a shady name to it. Some strange goings on. I hear they've connections in the city. We'll just be asking her where she's going."

The little car ahead had begun to gather speed now that Clive's powerful engine had picked up the trail. "Maybe she's only a nice girl, getting home late and frightened," Clive thought. He raged at McHugh in his heart.

The girl's car dodged into a side road. "Hard going there," the policeman said. "Can you make it?" She's got a lizzie. It's used to those boys.

"I can make it," Clive said, tightening his lips.

Suddenly the tail light of the car ahead became stationary. Clive, realizing she had stopped, bumped up alongside.

A white, thin-lipped face looked out at them. "Who are you fellows?" the girl demanded. "And what do you want?"

The policeman continued to stare her down.

The girl said again, "What do you want?" in a thin, disagreeable voice.

Clive thought in the split second before McHugh answered her, "We're wasting time. Fools!"

McHugh opened the door, climbed out. He ambled casually over to the cheap little car, drawn up there in the glade. He drawled, "Just wonderin' where you're goin' this time of night."

The girl said impatiently. "I've been visiting my cousin over at Rockville Centre. I'm just getting home. You cops—"

Her whining tone sounded innocent enough. But the police man seemed far from satisfied.

"Cousins, eh? This is a fine time to be makin' calls." He ran the beam of his flashlight casually over the back of the car. He opened the rear door and peered in. There was the usual dusty carpet, the old newspaper, the scuffed metalwork. All seemed disarming-ly as it should be.

But McHugh did not, as Clive had hoped, signal the girl at once to go on. He said in the policeman's authoritative voice, "Give me your name and address."

The girl whined: "Mary Powjeski."

"Live in the Hollow, don't you?" snapped Officer McHugh. She nodded sullenly.

"Well, we'll just be goin' along with you to make sure no harm comes to you the rest of the way," said the big policeman blandly.

The girl made an instinctive gesture of dissent before she said, too quickly, too cordially, "That's awful kind of you, officer, but you needn't bother. Besides my father will give me Hall, Columbia if he sees that boat you're in drive up. Fact is, and here she laughed ingratiatingly, "I was—"

partly over at my cousin's and he didn't want me to go. If you fellows follow me home he'll be sure to wake up."

Clive was frowning. The girl seemed all right. Why didn't McHugh let her go and be done with it? Clive was frantic to be away, to be once again on the trail of the lost Liane. But McHugh was saying now in a voice of honey, "We'll just go along with you then anyhow." He gestured to Clive. "Leave the bus there," he said. "It'll be safe enough."

The girl threw him an angry glance. "I'm telling you," she

said, "I know this place as well as I do my own back yard. You're wasting your time."

McHugh barked, "Shut your trap and drive on. And mind you take us where you were goin' the first place or it'll be the worse for you."

He shoved his gun, a blunt, darkly gleaming object, into view. Clive had by this time locked the car and was climbing into the back seat of the girl's rickety conveyance. Officer McHugh rode in the front seat.

Silently the ill-assorted trio rode. Clive, fuming and half out of his head with anxiety. The policeman dour and watchful. The girl sulkily biting her lips, looking straight ahead through her reddened eyes.

It was pitch dark. Only the sound of the motor blurred the uneasy stillness of the night, as the valiant engine of the little car choked and sputtered on an occasional grade. Branches reached out like ghostly fingers. Once a chipmunk ran, bright-eyed and startled, into the radiance of their headlights.

Suddenly a light glimmered ahead, was lost. The girl drove on steadily. McHugh barked, "Stop here!" The girl said sulkily, "It's a mile further."

"I said, stop here," the policeman persisted. Grimly she obeyed him.

"Now look, you," said McHugh, turning around to the mystified young man in the back seat. "Have you a handkerchief about you—a big one?"

Clive produced one from his breast pocket.

"Get out," McHugh said to the girl. "And no funny business!"

He took the silk handkerchief from Clive's fingers. "Hold it her hands together behind her back," he said calmly.

Clive stammered, "Is that necessary?"

"You don't know this crowd. I'd bind her eyes but I want her to lead the way."

Fiercely the girl said, "You big plug-ugly—"

McHugh held the gun closer to her. "None of that, now," he warned her. "You're in a bad spot and you better be good. No noise, now, nor signals or I'll fire sure!" He looked as though he meant what he said.

Clive had turned out the headlights, leaving only the faint bulb on the dash glowing. "Better put



Sessatris Sidarous Pasha, recently-appointed Egyptian Minister to the United States. He is pictured at the White House after presenting his credentials to President Hoover.

TRUNK 'PHONE RATE.

CANTON PRESSMEN SEEK REDUCTION.

Canton, Sept. 17.

The newspaper enterprises and the Journalists' Association in the city have decided to petition the Government for a special allowance on the trunk line telephone charges.

They expect a reduction of at least 50 per cent. in the ordinary rate, as in the case of local telephone charges.—Rensha.

that out, too," the policeman advised.

"Now, march," he told Mary Powjeski. "I'm right behind you, remember!"

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The market opened steady this morning with prices maintained. Banks were in demand at \$2,040. Canton was again in request at yesterday's rate—\$1,545. Unions were also wanted at \$555. H.K. Fires were in demand at \$1,485. Waterboats, after being done at \$28 1/2, closed in demand at \$28 1/2. Wharves continue in demand at \$164. Docks are still wanted at \$20. Providents (old), which were done at \$6, could have been obtained at \$6.00. The new shares were in demand at \$3.10. Hotels (old) were on offer at \$17 1/2. The new shares were also obtainable, at \$17, and at the close there were buyers at \$16.65. Lands were in demand at \$300. Humphreys (old) were wanted at \$22. Rentals were reported to have changed hands at \$17.40. Exos were in request at \$10.10, as were Shanghai Cottons at \$108 and Zong Singa at \$13. Trams, after changing hands at \$23 1/2, closed in request at \$23 1/2. Other utilities in demand were Peak Trams (new) at \$3.55, Star Ferries at \$15 1/2, Yau-mai Ferries at \$26 1/2, China Lights, at \$29 1/2, and Electrics at \$82. Cements (combined) were wanted at \$32 1/2. Watsons were wanted at \$17.20. Constructions, cum rights, were reported at \$14.55, and at the close there were sellers at \$14.30.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$2,040 b.
Chartered Bank, \$1 1/2 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$18 1/2 n.
East Asia \$134 n.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$1545 b.
Union Ins., 555 b.
China Underwriters \$6.20 n.
China Fires, \$800 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,485 b.
Shipping.
Douglas, \$24 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$28 1/2 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$30 n.
Union Waterboats, \$28 1/2 b.
Mining.
Benguet \$11.25 b.
Kallans, 27/6 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1.65 n.
Raub, \$41 1/2 b.
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$164 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 b.
South China Motors \$10 n.
China Providents, \$6.60 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 270 n.
New Engineers, Tls. 6.10 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 106 n.
Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$16.10 b.
Shai Cotton Tls. 108 b.
Zoon Sings Tls. 12 1/2 b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H.K. & S. Hotels (old) \$17.50 s.
H.K. & S. Hotels (new) \$16.50 b.
H.K. Land, \$90 1/4 b.
Shai Land Tls. 43 n.
Humphreys, \$22 b.
Realities, \$17.40 n.
Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$23 1/2 b.
Peak Trams (old) \$14.75 n.
Star Ferries, \$35 1/2 b.
China Light, \$29 1/2 n.
H. K. Electric, \$82 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$14 1/2 n.
China Buses, Tls. 17.60 n.
Singapore Tractions, 3/9 n.
Industrials.
China Sugars 50 cts. n.
Malabons \$39 n.
Canton Ice, \$7.90 n.
Cements (com.) \$20.65 b.
Ropes, \$21.75 n.
Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$32 1/2 n.
Watson, \$17.20 n.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$8.20 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 n.
Sinceres, \$20 b.
Powells, \$3.00 n.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$27 n.
Amusements, New "B" \$23.60 b.
Entertainments \$15 1/4 b.
Constructions, \$14.30 s. C. Rita.
B'que In G. Bonds, 72 1/2 b.

WOMEN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

The Return of the Tea Coat.



The tea-coat returns. Here is a dainty example, in figured nylon, edged with fine lace.

FASHION NEWS.

Sleeves and Flowers.

Sleeves come in for considerable attention. There is a tendency towards the sleeve that widens at the wrist, as it did in the middle of the 'thirties. Flowers are being oddly used. There are necklaces of ragged petals, or of whole flowers that suggest the lei of the Philippines. There are also double garlands of blossoms across one shoulder. Flower bustles are even being seen again, and the backs of some evening dresses are entirely encrusted with such flowers as roses, marguerites, and white poppies.

There is every indication of a return to the draped gown, which has to be made on the figure that is to wear it. Some couturiers let materials hang by their own weight, and the back interest is still found in some evening models, very much attenuated. It is true, so that one no longer thinks of the family photograph album. Evening gowns, mostly of lace, are apt to be tiered, doubly and triply. They are seen with a deep flounce at the hem, and with hip flounces only at the sides.

Many evening dresses have been shortened to slipper-length, which is far more practical than the skirt which touches all round.

On many of the new evening dresses the bodices are carried down on to the hips, and skirts are attached here. This is done in various ways, and sometimes a belt is then set at the normal waist, or slightly below it, while sometimes the belt is left off altogether, with the sheath or cuirass effect to the upper part of the body.

COLD SWEETS.

For Hot Days.

Jelly Banana Sponge.

Make a jelly of any kind, and just before it sets beat in a stiffly-beaten egg white. Place in a glass dish and just before serving pile banana cream on it and decorate with cherries or nuts.

Make the cream by beating a banana with a little fine sugar and a dash of lemon juice.

Mossy Baskets.

Ingredients.—Small round sponge cakes, 1 egg, a little whipped cream, jam, pistachio or almond nuts finely chopped, angelica.

Cut a round out of the cakes, but be careful not to cut through. Brush all over with well-beaten egg and dip in the nuts. Put some jam in the hollow and cover with the cream. Make an incision each side of the cakes and place a strip of angelica for a handle.

Rhubarb Layer Fudding.

Simmer one teacupful of tapioca in water till quite transparent and soft. Stew one pound of rhubarb with sugar (about four ounces). Mix with the tapioca. Pour into a glass dish. Serve cold with custard.

Scotch Mist.

One dozen macaroons, 6 sponge fingers, both finely crushed. Mix in water till quite transparent and soft. Stew one pound of rhubarb with sugar (about four ounces). Mix with the tapioca. Pour into a glass dish. Serve cold with custard.

Peach and Banana Salad.

Turn a tin of sliced peaches into a clean saucepan and just bring to the boil. Add a very little sugar, and a sliced banana for each person, but don't cook the banana. Serve in grape fruit glasses, cover with whipped cream, put a glace cherry on each and serve.

BEAUTY HINTS.

(By Alicia Hart.)

Eyes, just like handkerchiefs or lingerie, need washing. Lots of people never wash their eyes. They often fish particles of dirt out of the corners, particularly mornings.

But there is no reason on earth why you should neglect your eyes, when you are making the day's ablutions.

You need only two things to do the fundamental cleaning. An eyeglass and some mild boric acid solution. If you want to be thorough, fill your eyeglass with hot boric acid solution, but not hot enough to burn. Blink your right eye up and down in the eye cup, with your head thrown back. Rinse out the cup, wash the other eye in hot solution. Then rinse the cup again and wash first one, then the other, with cold boric acid solution. Between each eye washing, rinse out the eye cup. It is so easy to spread any kind of infection from one to the other, if you don't.

Relieves Strain.

Careful folks wash their eyes morning and night. There are all kinds of soothing eye lotions you can keep in your desk or bathroom cabinet. If you find your eyes strained or tired in mid-morning or mid-afternoon, just rinsing them out, holding the little eye cup full of lotion against the hot, tired eyeball, rests them and relaxes you.

If you swim much in artificial pools, it is a good thing to rinse your eyes upon coming out. Use a boric acid solution. This is mildly disinfectant. Some pools have rather strong disinfectants put in them to keep them clear and fresh. The use of a good eyewash is just a precaution that it is worth while taking.

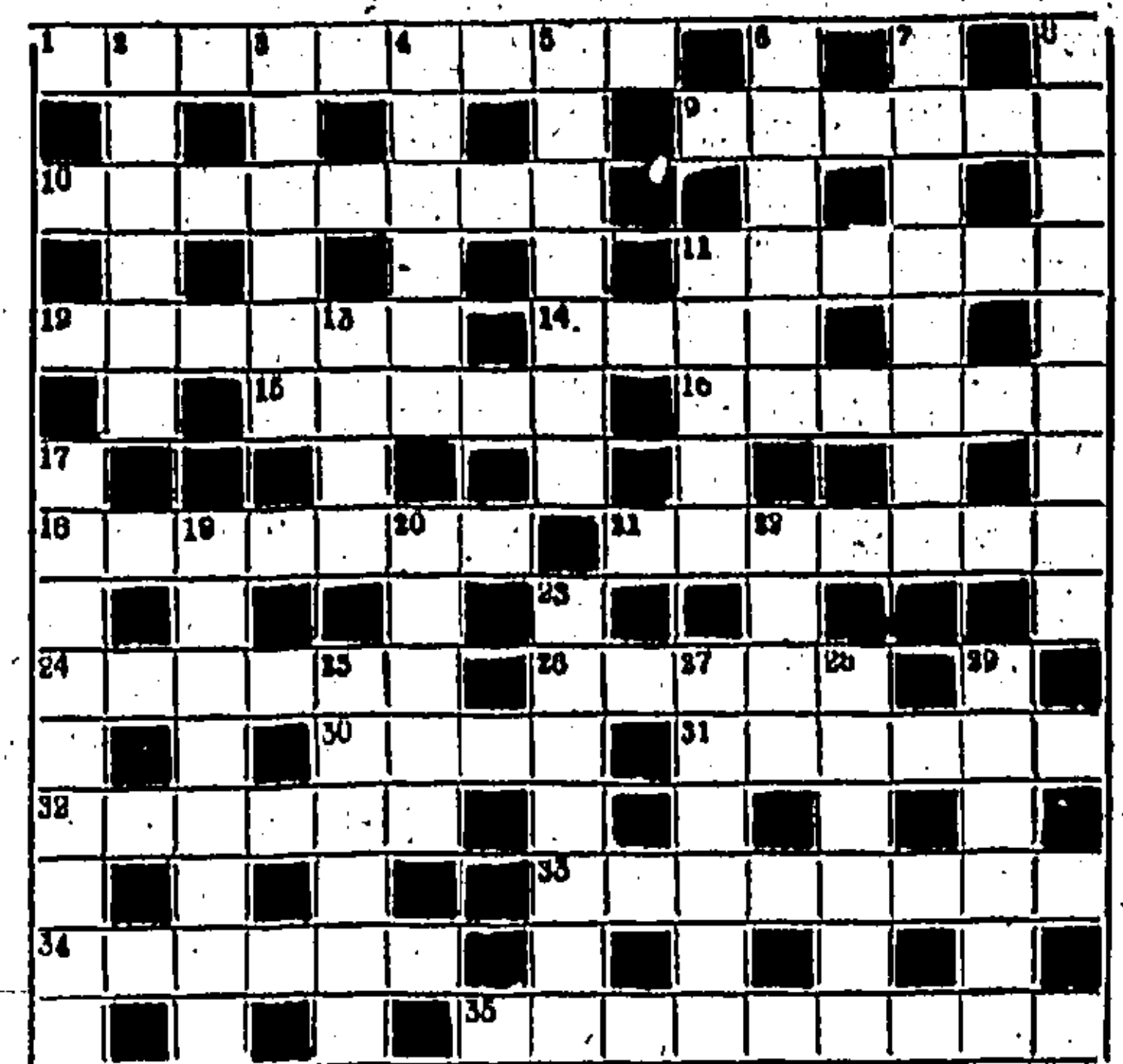
When travelling, washing out your eyes is an excellent practice. Especially if you are taking a trans-continental trip, your eyes will get sore-tired crossing the desert, whether by train or auto. Also wearing a visor is a help. Exposure to glare to which you are not accustomed is a great strain. Watch out for those eyes of yours!

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1 Ten are held in restraint.
9 Fashioning.
10 I can give you only a summary.
11 This sailor has the makings of a scamp in him.
12 Extreme always in the south-east.
14 A delicate walker.
15 Have another dig.
16 Don't be short, or it won't suit here.
18 Worthy of a clue, but not of a man.
21 Loud and noisy.
24 Green club.
26 Settle upon.
30 The target of the Socialist.
31 A collector of rubbish.
32 Staggered.
33 Considered on a certain well-known occasion to contain a bone, but as—
34 These turned out, wrongly.
35 Going backwards.
- Down**
2 "Clubs typical of strife, and spades, the—of untimely graves."
3 Both, put her after it.
4 Vexed about its comfort.
5 Wanton mischief that begins abroad and winds up in violent excitement.
6 A first of any second may govern.
7 Its bark may scare away a cold.
8 Accumulate in the abstract, or

- flints in the concrete.
11 Part of a cigar which one does not smoke.
13 A governing matter which sounds very familiar in this country.
17 Drink beer for a partisan.
18 Whispered, though a thousand spoke out.
20 Frequently followed by flames.
22 Freely.
23 Rolls-Royce or megilp.
25 Put up.
27 Spotted. The fruit is sure to be.
28 Loud cries that sounds amusing to children in the spring.
29 Fruit.

Yesterday's Solution.

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Yesterday's Solution

By replacing the matches indicated by the dotted lines to the places indicated by the heavy lines you can form three groups of four, 6 and 4—as required in the puzzle.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	123.97	123.00 1/2
Geneva	24.90 1/2	24.0 1/2
Berlin	20.63 1/2	20.50 1/2
Oso	18.18	18.17 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2	193 1/2
Athens	375	375
Buenos Aires	20 1/2	20 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	4.86 1/2	4.80
Amsterdam	12.04 1/2	12.04 1/2
Stockholm	18.10	18.10
Vienna	34.60	34.60
Madrid	58.87 1/2	58.87 1/2
Bucharest	51 1/2	51 1/2
Montevideo	21 1/2	21 1/2
Hongkong	11 1/2	11 1/2
Brussels	34.85 1/2	34.84 1/2
Milan	92.90 1/2	92.90 1/2
Copenhagen	18.18	18.18 1/2
Prague	184 1/2	184 1/2
Lisbon	11 1/2	11 1/2
Rio	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
Bombay	1/5 1/2	1/5 1/2
Yokohama	2/0 1/2	2/0 1/2
Silver (spot)	13	12 1/2
(forward)	13 1/2	13

—British Wireless.

WATER LEVELS.

DETAILS FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in English feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:

	Sept. 16.	Sept. 17.
West River at Shuhing	12.0	9.2
North River at Samahul	0.8	0.2
North River at Taingyuen	10.0	9.8
East River at Sheklung	11.3	11.2
The highest levels recorded are:		
Shuhing, 41 feet; Taingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samahul, 27.5 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.		
The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samahul and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.		

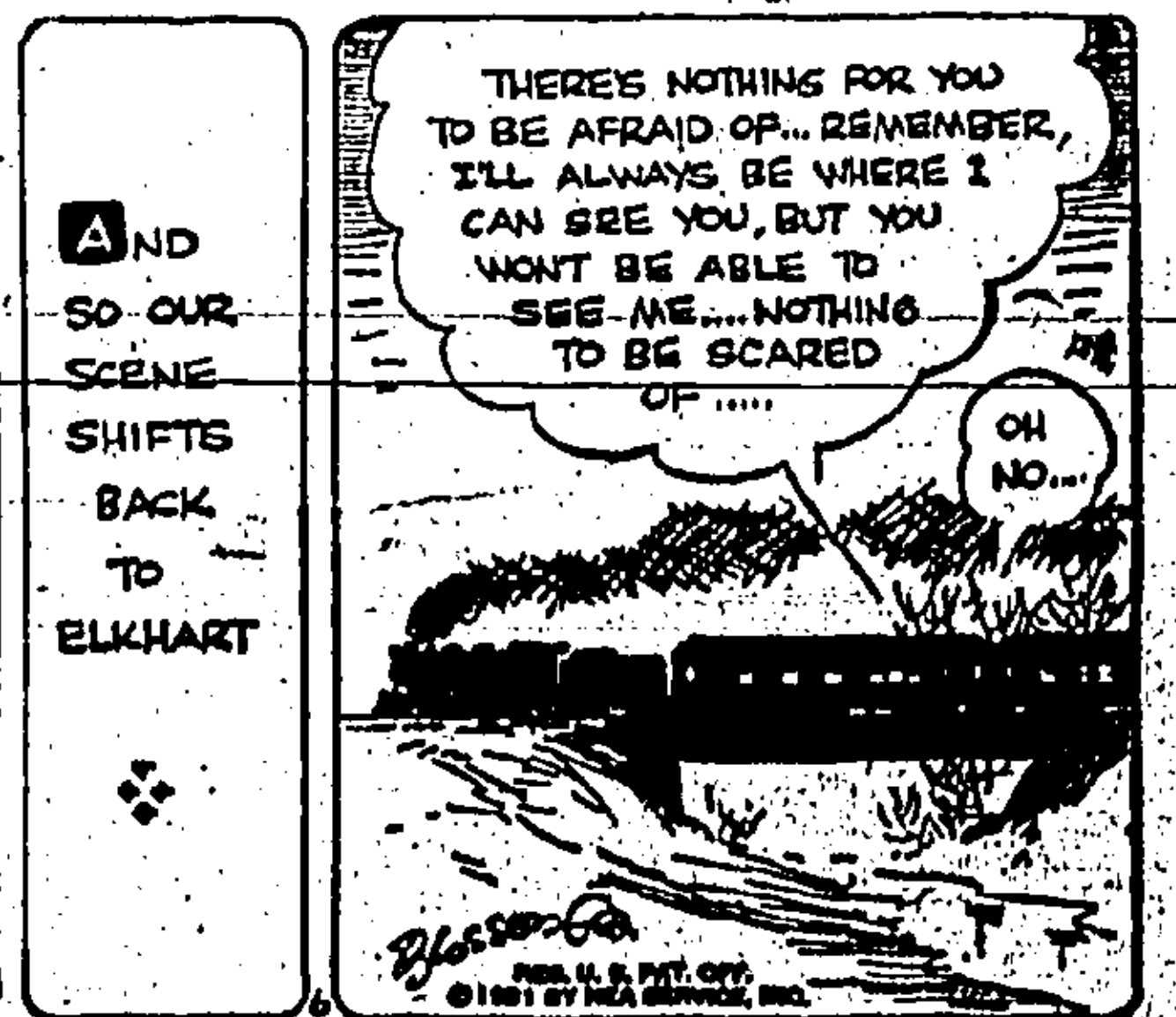
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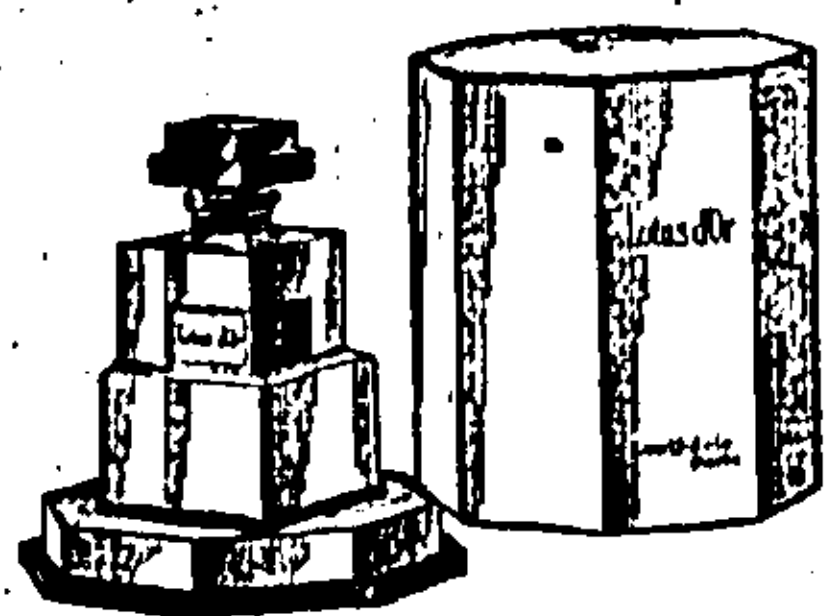
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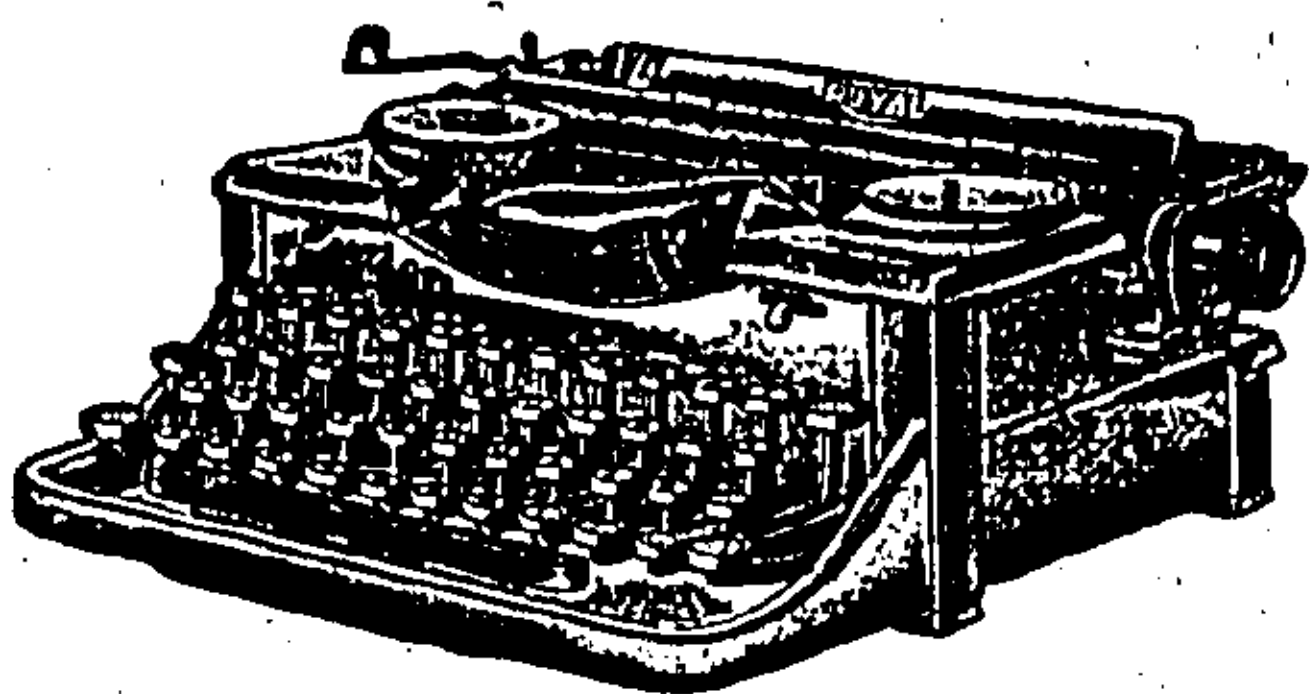
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PILING UP THE
BURDEN.

Whilst the newly-announced in-
creases in local taxation can be
dismissed with a smile in com-
parison with the drastic proposals
which are being put into force at
Home, they will, none the less, be
resented by the community gener-
ally. In the Old Country, fresh
burdens have had to be imposed
by reason of a great national
emergency which has no counter-
part in this Colony. They are
deemed necessary in order to
maintain Britain's credit abroad.
Here in Hongkong, it is clear that
the increases just announced, as
well as those which have preceded
them, are being sought for the
purpose of meeting the rising cost
of government. How far they are
justified by the financial condi-
tion of the Colony remains to be
seen. The latest imposts certainly
come as a surprise to those of
us who had been given to under-
stand that no additional taxation
would be needed either now or
for the coming year.

It was only two months ago that
His Excellency the Governor re-
echoed in Council the hope ex-
pressed by unofficial members that
no fresh taxation would be neces-
sary in connexion with the Es-
timates for 1932. Indeed, Sir Wil-
liam stated that the financial posi-
tion was much more satisfactory
than had been expected, that re-
venue was coming in satisfactorily,
and that it was hoped to be
able to balance expenditure
and revenue for the current year.
Since that speech was made, the
financial returns for the three
months from March to May in-
clusive have been made public.
Whilst these show that in two of
the three months more money was
spent than was received, the ex-
cess expenditure for the period
was rather less than \$135,000.
Moreover, the Colony's credit
balance at the end of May, only
announced last Saturday, was
more than ten and a half million
dollars. It has to be remembered
also that since May the Govern-
ment has been steadily increasing
various fees, thus considerably
augmenting the revenue; indeed,
there seems to have been a deter-
mination to explore every possible
avenue for the raising of more
money. In these circumstances,
it will be interesting to hear the

official explanations justifying the
new increases when approval
thereof is sought in the Legisla-
tive Council. It can hardly be
possible that the money is re-
quired to meet the cost of the re-
cent salary calculation revision
in the case of Government ser-
vants who have dependents at
Home, inasmuch as the total cost
of this concession for a whole
year is said to be only about \$150,-
000. Neither do we imagine that
the position has been affected by
the necessity of paying the first
contribution this year on the pur-
chase of the Naval Arsenal, since
this should easily be met out of
the credit balance. What, then,
can have occurred since His Ex-
cellency spoke of the encouraging
outlook to warrant these new im-
posts? So far from there being
no intention of increasing taxa-
tion when the Budget is present-
ed, the community is being asked
for more money even before it is
introduced.

The public would much more
willingly resign itself to new taxa-
tion if it were supplied with the
reasons for its imposition. What
has happened, however, is that the
intimation comes, without the
least warning, like a bolt from the
blue. Living costs are already
higher than the community likes;
they must inevitably be increased
by the additional calls now made.
We shall therefore expect our Un-
official members, when the oppor-
tunity presents itself, to inform
the Government that there is a
limit beyond which the public is
not prepared to go without mak-
ing its feelings known. There
must be a halt called to the con-
tinued rise in the cost of govern-
ment. At the bottom of the trou-
ble, of course, lies our despised
currency. Sensible reform under
this heading would solve the whole
problem. It almost seems, how-
ever, that the Government does not
expect relief in this direction.

Those Saucy Hats.

The new mode in women's head-
gear, characterised by naive his-
torical inaccuracies that with
equanimity describe a given hat as
"Empress Eugenie," "1880" and
"First Empire"—all three—when in
fact it is not even any single one of
them, has swept through Britain,
the United States, and the Con-
tinent, to Hongkong. And women,
apathetic to the historical truth of
their attire, but gravely con-
cerned about its looks, are
making much ado acquiring
hats that aspire, with vary-
ing degrees of success, to achieve
that saucy tilt over the right eye.
It is all very thrilling, for women.
Men, for the most part, are engaged
in their traditional role of inveigh-
ing, futilely of course, against this
strange tide of feminine levity. To
them it is, as it always has been,
inexplicable that otherwise gener-
ally intelligent creatures should
accept so uncomplainingly the dic-
tates of Paris. Yet the fair sex,
instead of revolting, seems
thoroughly to enjoy it. And man
wonders what exactly they will do
next. He would not dream of
changing a thing for a moment—
at least, not hurriedly. In the mat-
ter of clothing, the male of the
species is, if anything at all, ultra-
conservative, adhering tenaciously
to things as they are, and regarding
with suspicious every little innova-
tion. The man who has the courage
to launch out in some minor sartor-
ial mutation, is regarded as a freak
and scathingly referred to as a
tailor's dummy. If the last
three decades are examined, it will
be found that women's fashions
have undergone at least a dozen
radical changes, while the changes
in men's apparel have been
very slow and logical. Trou-
sers are worn a little longer and
wider. The number of buttons
upon the coat has become a matter
of importance. Soft hats have
largely replaced bowlers. These
changes are slight. Any change in
the general appearance of men in
1931 and those of 1900 has more to
do with the invention of the safety
razor than with any marked altera-
tion in attire. Which of the two
sexes is the more servile slave to
fashion is, however, a moot point.
Men are slaves to the fixity of their
styles. Women to the transiency
of theirs.

DAY BY DAY

THIS I KNOW, NOT ONLY BY READ-
ING BOOKS IN MY STUDY, BUT ALSO
BY EXPERIENCE OF LIFE ABROAD IN
THE WORLD, THAT THOSE WHICH HE
COMMONLY THE WISEST, BEST LEARN-
ED, AND BEST MEN ALSO, WHEN THEY
WERE OLD, WERE NEVER COMMONLY
THE QUICKEST OF WIT WHEN THEY
WERE YOUNG. QUICK WITS BE APT
TO TAKE, UNAPT TO KEEP.—Aeschylus.

Three cases of typhoid were notified
yesterday, one being non-Chinese,
imported.

The Ben Line s.s. Beneluch, from
Home via Straits and Manila, is due
here on the 25th instant.

Lady Peel is giving an "At Home"
to members and supporters of the
M.C.L. at Government House on
Thursday next at 4.30 p.m.

Professor L. Forster and Mr. D. W.
Morley were amongst the passengers
who arrived here yesterday by the
Blue Funnel liner Sarpedon.

A memorial service will be held by
the Hongkong University Christian
Association for the late Miss Leung
Tui Ho on Sunday next at 8 a.m.
in St. John's Hall. Rev. Cheung Chok
Ling will officiate.

By jumping into the street in an
attempt to commit suicide, Lai Hong
aged 40, of the second floor of 16, Tai
Wo Street, received injuries to his
head and right leg, and was removed
to the Government Civil Hospital for
treatment.

It is announced that a special meet-
ing of members and adherents of the
Union Church, Jordan Road, Kowloon,
will be held on Sunday next, the 20th
inst., immediately after the morning
service, to consider a recommendation
in regard to the pastorate of the
church.

The speeding up of mails thanks to
the air mail services is illustrated by
the receipt in Hongkong yesterday of
a letter posted in Oslo, Norway, on
September 1. This letter, which took
only sixteen days to come via Siberia,
was received by Thorsen & Co. Ltd.,
the steamship agents.

The annual dramatic evening of the
Hongkong University Arts Association
is to be held in the University Hall
on October 3, when under the direc-
tion of Prof. R. K. M. Simpson, under-
graduates will present "The Teaching
Teresa," and another item called "A
Collection will be Made." A musical
programme will be given by Mrs. A.
M. Bowes-Smith and Mr. G. McLeod.

Hongkong estate worth \$82,400 was
left by the late, Chin Leung-shi (or
sz), alias Mary Chin, alias Leung
Lai-chee, alias Leung Chee-shing,
alias Leung Lai Chee Tong, alias
Daisy Leung, concubine of the late
Chin Wai-po, who died at No. 325,
Hennessy Road, Hongkong, on May 8,
1931. Probate has been granted to
the executors, Chin Ah-kam, No. 25,
Wing Wo Street, and Chin Ti-yung,
of China Building, seventh floor.
Bequests are all of a family nature.

Mr. John A. Hamilton, Manager of
the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce
is arriving in Hongkong on the
President Hoover on Monday. He is
making a trip to the Far East in the
interests of the Pacific Foreign Trade
Council which is to meet in Honolulu
on May 4, 5, and 6, 1932. It is hoped
to include in this meeting, representa-
tives from all the important cities
bordering on the Pacific. Mr. Hamil-
ton is specially interested in securing
a delegation from Hongkong and
Manila. If any of the business men
of the Colony are interested in meet-
ing Mr. Hamilton, an appointment may
be made through the office of the
American Trade Commissioner.

TERROR OF THE AIR.

By PIERRE RENAUD.

A FEW days ago, M. Henri Le
Wita, a French specialist on
gas warfare, referring to
the new means of waging war, an-
nounced the coming of sheets and
fogs of "coloured and perfumed
gas."

He insisted that one must not
believe in certain exaggerations,
more literary than real, regarding
the effects of wholesale destruc-
tion, but that, however, the horror
and the monstrosity of the dis-
charge of gas on towns and be-
hind the war area by means of air-
craft bombs, by shells from long-
distance guns and by gas-screens,
would scarcely be less terrible
than, and would, indeed, only be
rivalled by, high-temperature
incendiary bombs spreading de-
vastation and ruin around them.

There can be no doubt that
scientific progress will render war,
should it break out, monstrous be-
yond all imagination.

Is it possible to humanise it? I
do not believe so.

To-day there exists a convention
against the use of asphyxiating
and other gases. It was drawn
up by the League of Nations.

Will Aerial Disarmament Be
Effective?

(1) It has not been accepted or
ratified by all the Govern-
ments represented in the
League, and

(2) It does not prohibit the manu-
facture—open or secret—of
poisonous war gases.

It is futile to say that some of
those gases are usefully employed
in industry. That deceives no-
body. They are being manufac-
tured for the war by gas.

Then there is the consideration
which we are under an obligation
not to ignore: When one has de-
cided on a horrible crime, or even
when one resorts to it in the face
of aggression, one pays no atten-
tion to the means. Being a hor-
rible crime, war is the end of all
human, divine and social laws.
The Middle Ages have gone with
their brutalities, but also with
their courtesies between oppo-
nents. Those who fight and kill at
a distance of 15 or 16 miles do not
even see each other, and have not
the time to be chivalrous.

On the day when war breaks
out, all nations will be forced to
manufacture, without delay, en-
gines of war and munitions, pre-
sumed to be forbidden, and even
new and more terrible weapons.

It is just for that reason that
it is necessary to prevent war, and
not to wait for it. That is the
business of the League of Nations,
and I shall not discuss that here.

The Meaning of Aerial
Disarmament.

But what I have just said is
enough to demonstrate that we
shall be committing an error if, in
a demand for aerial disarmament,
we start off from a sentimental
point of view or with an illusion
regarding the future.

It is best to demand it within
the framework of the reduction of
armaments, as that will more ef-
fectively show the will to agree-
ment regarding general, progres-
sive, simultaneous and controlled
disarmament.

It is part of a whole which ought
to aim at extensive and substan-
tial reductions.

There is an advantage in ap-
proaching disarmament from one
point of view—that of the equi-
librium of rights and duties. It
ought to lead to a general suppres-

sion such as has been provided
for by the Pact of the League of
Nations and by the treaties which
imposed on the vanquished an ex-
tensive disarmament as a prelude
to a general reduction.

What counter-arguments can be
produced? That aviation is neces-
sary for war? But war, alas, has
been waged without aviation. And
it could be so waged again!

M. Le Wita concludes his study
with these words: "A country like
ours, sincerely desiring peace and
determined never to be the aggres-
sor, might possibly find itself in
mortal danger in face of a sur-
prise attack, long planned in se-
cret, if it had not the courage and
wisdom thoroughly to prepare its
defence and thrust."

In spite of the defensive em-
phasis which M. Le Wita gives to
his statement, it is purely and
simply one involving an air arma-
ments race. Is there no other
solution?

This race has, indeed, already
begun. If we do not take care, it
will develop with ever greater
acuteness as military and civilian
technicians insist more and more
that war will be waged in the air.

Will Aerial Disarmament Be
Effective?

But, it may be said, all you will
be able to do will be useless. You
cannot forbid commercial avia-
tion and commercial aviation can
also serve for war.

In fact, it is just here that it is
seen that the idea of the "poten-
tialities of war" cannot be neglect-
ed in our pre-visions. A country
with a commercial aeronautic in-
dustry is obviously ready rapidly
to produce a war air service. That
is why it is necessary to advocate
several supplementary precau-
tions.

Aviation shares with modern
scientific discoveries the distinc-
tion of serving two ends; it can
be used for good or for evil, for
life or death.

However, if aviation can be
used for two purposes, it does not
seem that the transformation of
civil aviation into military avia-
tion is quite so simple as it is said
to be. A chaser plane is like no
other. Bombing and recon-
noitering machines have peculiar-
ities of construction which betray
the use for which they are intend-
ed.

We cannot deny—we know al-
ready of examples because we
have seen them—that it is possible
to construct aeroplanes for both
purposes. But that is obvious.

And that is why, in the case of
aerial disarmament more than in
any other, measures will be futile
unless they are accompanied by a
rigorous international control of
commercial manufacture and of
machines in use.

This control, too, must be ac-
companied by another measure, at
once political and economic—that
of the internationalisation of air
lines. It is clear that this would
be, in a way, the best and surest
control, as such countries would be
interested in the common solidari-
ty of work and security.

Then there is the final consid-
eration. The armies of the air
are constituted not only to co-
operate with other arms but also
as vast autonomous formations
for which corps, effective and
officers are created.

It is precisely on account of this
that the total suppression of air
armaments is necessary and be-
cause of this that it may be ef-
fectively carried out.

The constitution of these corps
and the existence of effective and
officers cannot be easily concealed.
They cannot be produced for some
weeks or months from the time of
the beginning of open hostilities
or from the moment when diploma-
tic tension appears to be leading
to war.

The organs of pacification, such
as the League of Nations, will at
least have the time to interfere.
Perhaps even their international
"sanctions" could assert them-
selves, especially if the force of
international "sanctions" had al-
ready been created and substituted
for already materially reduced
national armaments.

An armed air force cannot be
brought into existence and trained
in a day. Effective, officers and
the necessary material cannot, I
repeat, be dissembled.

Therefore, aerial disarmament,
if adopted, would be effective.

I have submitted these solutions
to the Socialist Party in France
and also to the Commission which
prepared the recent international
Socialist Congress at Vienna.
There they were adopted and
figure on the programme which or-
ganised Labour demands of all
Governments shall be realised at
the Disarmament Conference at
Geneva in February, 1932.

Doubtless we shall not be the
only ones to support the movement.
It can be developed, and I thank
the *News Chronicle* for having in-
vited me to express my opinion.

I would add a few final re-
marks.

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"Oh, dear, I never know what to write my husband. Let's
see—what all did we have for lunch?"

BREEZE IN POLICE COURT.

LAWYER RESENTS "MUZZLING."

HANDCUFF POINT.

The concluding stages in the Sik Yue Club gambling case, which was resumed before Mr. Williams at the Central Magistracy to-day, were marked by a "breeze" between the Magistrate and Mr. G. K. Brutton Hall, appearing for the 13 men charged.

Mr. Brutton addressed his Worship on the question of motives which had induced the accused to appear in the protracted proceedings, regardless of legal expense as compared with the small fines limited by Ordinance, and was about to refer to the conduct of the police in the matter of the arrests, taking for the first of three points, the question of handcuffs, when he was interrupted by the Magistrate. His Worship directed that Mr. Brutton should keep to the law in the case.

Mr. Brutton:—I must touch on the facts.

Everything to do with it.

His Worship: The question of handcuffs has got nothing to do with it.

Mr. Brutton: I say it has got everything to do with it.

Mr. Brutton pointed out that by the use of handcuffs and by searching the accused, the police had exceeded their powers, and asked if it was his Worship's view that his had not nothing to do with the case.

His Worship replied that as to these allegations, the accused had their remedy. There was another Court to which they could take it.

Mr. Brutton: Which they probably will. What I am asking your Worship is to take into consideration.

Mr. Williams:—I want you to get on with the law.

Can't Be Muzzled.

Mr. Brutton, with some warmth, argued that a solicitor was entitled to address the Magistrate on a question touching on misconduct and he could not be muzzled. They were in a British Court, in which that right had been laid down over and over again.

Mr. Williams:—I am taking my directions from the Hongkong Ordinance. In summary jurisdiction I can hear you on the facts. I cannot hear you on the law.

Mr. Brutton: We take the facts in this case in so far as they apply to the law.

Conflicting Evidence.

Mr. Brutton proceeded to deal with the evidence of the two principal police witnesses, which, he submitted, contradicted each other. After quoting authorities he indicated that he relied chiefly on a legal requirement of one of these authorities that a place to be a gambling resort must have been used more than once for gambling.

His Worship indicated that he required time to consider his decision and adjourned the case until Wednesday.

WAR DEBTS.

BRITAIN'S FUNDING AGREEMENTS.

London, Sept. 17.

In a Parliamentary answer on war debts, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Snowden stated the net war debt due to Britain by Italy at the signing of the funding agreement was £560 millions. The net amount received since was £23 millions and to be received under the agreement was £251,550,000.

The war debt due to Britain by France at the signing of the funding agreement was £370 millions. The amount received since was £43,625,000 and the total to be received under the agreement was £799,500,000.

The total owing by Britain to the United States at the signing of the funding agreement was £34,600,000,000. The amount paid since was £31,351,720,000, and the aggregate amount to be paid under the agreement to completion of payments was £31,105,963,000. — *British Wireless*.

LATEST NONSTOP RECORD.

R.A.F. FLYING BOAT SUCCESS.

London, Sept. 17.

At the end of a test flight to the East End back, a Royal Air Force Saro Severn flying boat yesterday set up a new record for the longest non-stop flight for a flying boat. It flew 1,100 miles from Gibraltar to Plymouth without alighting. — *British Wireless*.

DR. W. V. W. KOCH RETIRES.

POPULAR MEDICO LEAVES TO-MORROW.

A FINE RECORD.

After residence in the Colony for close on thirty years, Dr. W. V. W. Koch, one of Hongkong's best-known and most talented medics, leaves for home on retirement to-morrow aboard the N.Y.K. liner Terakuni Maru. During his lengthy stay here, Dr. Koch has contributed greatly to the solution of many problems relating to public health, and both as a Government servant, and later as a private practitioner he has proved himself a most capable and efficient professional man. He has also served the public with marked success on the Sanitary Board, whilst his association with the St. John Ambulance Brigade has been marked by much enthusiasm. Socially, also, Dr. Koch has been most popular, his bright and cheery disposition winning for him a host of friends, who will hope for him and Mrs. Koch many years of health and happiness in the Old Country.

Dr. Wilfred Vincent Miller Koch, to give the worthy doctor his full name, was born on October 29, 1862. He studied medicine at Edinburgh, and took the degrees of M.D. and Master of Surgery. Joining the Colonial Medical Service in Trinidad, British West Indies, he was in medical charge from time to time of several of the districts with Estate Hospitals. He also had charge for a time of the Colonial Hospital in Port of Spain and in San Fernando, the latter about 250. He was also in charge of the Mental Hospital and for two years was in charge of the Leprosy Asylum.

Leprosy Research.

During this period Dr. Koch did a considerable amount of research work in connexion with the transmission of leprosy by food, especially animal food, and the inoculation of diseased tissues and organs. These experiments proved negative and thus eliminated



some suspected sources of infection. For this work he was awarded a gold medal by the University of Edinburgh and obtained the degree of M.D. with first class honours.

About this time the medical world was greatly stirred by the prospect of the cure of Tuberculosis by the use of Tuberculin. As the casual organisms of Leprosy and Tuberculosis had many analogies, Dr. Koch was tempted to try the use of Tuberculin as a curative factor in Leprosy, and with great luck was able to obtain from Professor Koch of Berlin, a quantity for experimental purposes. Careful inoculations were carried out and observations made over a period of months, but the results were unsatisfactory and no improvement resulted.

Dr. Koch also took a keen interest in Volunteering and in the Local Forces. He joined up as a Gunner and when he left the Colony held the rank of Major and commanded two batteries of Field Artillery. During this time he underwent courses of instruction at the Royal Military Repository, Woolwich, for three months, at Topham Barracks, Exeter, for five months, and at Okhampton for three months, and for three months again at Shoeburyness for big gun practice. He was also a keen rifle shot and carried off many cups and prizes at the various Rifle Meetings in the Colony.

Dr. Koch was seconded for service to Granada, West Indies, during a severe and widespread epidemic of influenza when it first made its appearance, and received the thanks of the Government for his work there.

In Hongkong.

In 1903 Dr. Koch was transferred to Hongkong and was attached to the Government Civil Hospital temporarily. He was then appointed visiting Medical Officer to the Tung Wah Hospital, where Dr. Jow Hawk, still happily among us, was resident Medical

B.B.C. REVENUE TO BE MILKED.

ONE MILLION FOR THE STATE.

London, Sept. 17.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer stated in the House of Commons to-day that the position of the British Broadcasting Corporation had been reviewed in the light of the financial emergency, and the Corporation had to make an arrangement by which out of a total revenue from wireless licences next year of £2,250,000 public funds would receive £1,000,000. — *British Wireless*.

Officer. During this period Dr. Koch was associated with Dr. Hunter, the brilliant Pathologist and Bacteriologist, in a research into the causation of Beri-beri foodstuffs other than rice. The influence of polished rice was then becoming accurately established as a causative factor, but efforts were made to find out whether other foods, especially animal foods, and tissues, and from cases of Beri-beri, had any influence in inducing the disease. These experiments proved negative.

Later, Dr. Koch was associated with Dr. Hunter in an investigation into the incidence of Typhoid among children. The bodies of infants and young children which were found dumped were examined in the Mortuary and a certain proportion showed typhoid lesions in the intestines. This research was cut short by the death of Dr. Hunter, but sufficient work had been done to show that Typhoid fever certainly occurred among very young children.

Dr. Koch had charge of the Kennedy Town Hospital, when there was a recrudescence of Plague in an epidemic form and also at another time later when there was an epidemic of Small-pox. Afterwards he was definitely attached to the G.C.H. as Assistant Superintendent when the late Dr. Bell was Superintendent and in 1914 became Superintendent. The work was entirely in the hands of these two medical men. Dr. Koch did the bulk of operative work, and continued to do so till he retired from the service.

Improvements at G.C.H.

He was instrumental in getting many improvements to the G.C.H. The maternity block was enlarged by the addition of a ward and a labour ward was arranged at the west part. The old kitchens to the south-east of "A" Block were done away with in 1912, and in the very restricted space available an operation room and annexes such as sterilizing room, instrument room, anaesthetic room, etc. were built, and the basement was requisitioned for an "X" ray room, photographic room, etc. It must be remembered that that far off period such elaborate requirements as now obtain were not known. However, this all was a great improvement on the old operation room which was simply a ward on the second floor of the Block which has now reverted to its former use. The whole of the Blocks were tiled, new and up to date lavatory basins and W.C.s were also installed.

During the War Dr. Koch made application three times to be allowed to serve—that was in the early stages when authorities thought the War would end early and no further applications were entertained. The War Office wired that they regretted they had no suitable post to offer him!

Dr. Koch was appointed an Officer, J. P. in 1905 and on retirement in 1917 was transferred to the list of unofficial J. P.s. He represented the J. P.s on the Licensing Board for some years.

The Sanitary Board.

In 1918 he was nominated to a seat on the Sanitary Board by the Government and from thence has been a member till now. He took a great interest in Sanitary matters in the Colony and was a strong advocate of a reform of the Board as it is constituted to-day and has suggested a "General Board of Health" under a duly qualified Medical Officer of Health as such Board to have wider powers than those possessed by the properly named Sanitary Board. However, official inertia and active resistance on the one side and timidity and fear of harsh treatment on another side seems to have shelved these suggestions. Still, there seems some hope of some of them coming to fruition whenever the departmental struggle can be brought to an end.

Dr. Koch served on several sub-committees and was appointed to visit and report on the markets of the Colony and on the villages. He strongly advocated the installation of incinerators against the present system of dumping rubbish and refuse at sea and urged that with the use of incinerators sea water could be pumped up to the upper levels to flush drains and thus conserve the water supply.

Dr. Koch was elected representative of the Justices of the Peace

GANDHI'S GRIEVANCE.

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Mussulman-Sikh tangle and the interests of the Untouchables.

European Business Views.

Earlier in the proceedings, the views of the European business community were given by Mr. Gavin Jones.

Indian States, he said, should be adequately represented in the Federation and in fair proportion to British India. Beyond that the method of selection was an internal matter for the States.

They were all agreed that the only solution of their problem was an All-India Federation and no responsibility should be transferred to any Government that was not representative of all India and all the interests in India.

Regarding the method of the appointment of the British Indian representatives to Upper and Lower Houses, he still personally favoured a system of the representation of Governments in the Upper House and of Legislatures in the Lower House. But the European Community would continue to have election to the Upper House from the legislatures of the constituent States. They preferred indirect election to the Lower House but in view of popular opinion favouring direct election, they were willing to agree to it, provided that the House was truly representative of the federating units.

They held that the special interests now represented in the Legislatures should in the future Government be represented in both Chambers. Europeans should have the same representation as now with the constituencies, to elect their representatives, British and Indian commerce should be represented each by three or four members in both Houses. — *British Wireless and Reuters*.

GENERAL ELECTION.

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ment are based entirely upon speculation. The Cabinet Sub-Committee on which the three parties are represented, is known to be making the most careful survey in connexion with the problem of redressing the adverse trade balance, and every suggestion that has been put forward is being studied.

The Liberal Parliamentary Party met to-night under the chairmanship of Sir Herbert Samuel and for two hours discussed the national situation. It is authoritatively stated that the general consensus of opinion was that there should not be an early general election.

Lords' Debate.

The House of Lords, which adjourned on September 8th till to-day, this afternoon discussed a motion proposed by Lord Melchett, approving the action of the Government in setting up a committee of the Cabinet to inquire into the methods of balancing the trade exchange.

Lord Melchett said the adverse balance of trade demanded urgent attention and while advocating a tariff as a part of the reorganisation of the whole basis of the national industrial system, he emphasised that a general election should be avoided at all costs.

Labour Silent.

After a short debate, in which members of the Labour opposition did not take part, Lord Peel, the Lord Privy Seal, replying for the Government, said he understood the objections to a general election, but was not in a position to make any statement.

The Government had balanced the budget and foreign countries were impressed by the vigour with which the problem had been tackled and the spirit in which all classes were ready to make sacrifices. The Government would not run away from its responsibilities. He stated that the subcommittee of the Cabinet studying the problem of the trade balance was hard at work. — *British Wireless*.

In the Legislative Council for a few months in 1916 during Sir Henry Pollock's absence.

After his retirement on pension from the Government service, in 1917, Dr. Koch was in temporary charge of the Matilda Hospital. He joined the Medical Firm of Drs. Harston, Marriott, Black and Bulean in 1918.

In other fields, Dr. Koch has taken a prominent part in Masonic work. He was connected with the College of Medicine for Chinese and lectured on Surgery. Thereafter, when the University was founded he lectured on Surgery and examined in Surgery until a full-time Professor was appointed. He was a member of the Committee which drafted the Constitution of the University. He has been associated with the St. John Ambulance Brigade since 1906, and gave a series of lectures on First Aid to different classes for years. Later, during the War, he instructed classes of V. A. D.s, and in the G. C. H., where ladies were attached, gave

RADIO BROADCAST

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7.03-7.29 p.m. Talkie Tunes. Hold Everything-Selection. She's Funny That Way. New Mayfair Orchestra. C1083. Follow a Star-Vocal Gems. Light Opera Company. C2057. Follow Through-Medley. Edgar Fairchild and Robert Lindholm (pianoforte Duet). B3182. 7.29-8.00 p.m. Humorous Numbers. Song-Filly Lucy. Song-I Dunno. Wish Wynne with Pianoforte Accompaniment. B3039. Song-The Drago Way. Song-Homes. Norman Long. B2267. Dialogue-My Wireless Set. John Henry and "Blossom". B2155. Song-The Empire Party Song. Song-Fat Flat Fish. Leslie Sarony with Orchestra. B3473. Scotch Song-Boss' O' the Moose. Sir Harry Lauder with Orch. B0000. 8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.05-8.30 p.m. Operatic. Song-Bohème-Addio! (Puccini). Song-Louise-Ever Since the Day (Chippert). Lorenza Bori. (Soprano). G591. Band-Point-Selection (Gounod). The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards. C1877. Song-Andrea Chenier-The Enemy of His Country? (Giordano). Song-L'Africana-Admirator, Ruler of Ocean (Meyerbeer). Titta Ruffo (Baritone). 7153. 8.30-9.25 p.m. Symphony No. 9 in D Minor ("Choral") (Beethoven Op. 125). Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates. M-12. 9.35-10.15 p.m. A Concert.

Song-Valley of Laughter (Sanderson). Song-Bird of Love Divine (Haydn Wood). Mavis Bennett (Soprano). B2572. Piano Solo-Song of Love (Stojowski). Piano Solo-Reflections on the Water (Debussy). Ignace Jan Paderewski. 6033. Vocal Duet-Moon-Enchanted (Besley). Vocal Duet-The Thought Never Entered My Head (Novello). Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham. B3270. Song-Oh! My Warriors (Ligeti). Song-Song of the Pica (Moussorgsky). Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone). C1670. Violin Solo-Blue Skies (Berlin-Kreiser). Violin Solo-Dance of the Maidens (Prinz-Kreiser). Fritz Kreiser. 1233. 10.15-10.28 p.m. Organ Solos.

In the Heart of the Sunset (Nicholls). Forever (Agar). Reginald Foort. B3044. Sylvan Scenes (Flochter). H. Vincent Collier. Now I'm in Love (From "Darling I Love You"-Yellen and Shapiro). Reginald Foort. B3361. 10.28 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News. 10.30 p.m. Close Down.

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INTERPORT TENNIS TEAM.

YEW MAN-KIT AS FOURTH PLAYER.

LADIES COMPLETE.

The Hon. Secretary of the Lawn Tennis Association this morning announced that the final composition of the Hongkong Interport team had been made.

The men's side will be:—M. W. Lo (Captain),

E. C. Fincher,
Ho Ka-lau,

Yew Man-kit.

The ladies will be represented by:—

Mrs. R. E. Tottenham,
Miss Enid Lo,

Mrs. Kary,

Mrs. James.

The team, which will be accompanied by several local tennis enthusiasts, leaves Hongkong for Shanghai on September 29, on board the s.s. President Hoover.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB WIN AND LOSE.

The Kowloon Cricket Club played matches in both "A" and "B" Divisions of the tennis league yesterday, winning and losing one each. In each case their opponents were the M.B.K. The seniors match resulted in the K.C.C. capturing the 3-1 set, but the "B" Division team proved no match and lost seven sets to two. Scores: E. C. and E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.) beat Honda and Akiyama 6-3; beat Hachiuma and Yema 6-2; beat Imura and Fujimori 6-1.

Guest and Millard (K.C.C.) lost to Honda and Akiyama 3-6; beat Hachiuma and Yema 6-1; lost to Imura and Fujimori 3-6.

Grose and Hyde (K.C.C.) lost to Honda and Akiyama 5-7; lost to Hachiuma and Yema 4-6; lost to Imura and Fujimori 6-7.

"B" Division.

Hambly and Zimmern (K.C.C.) lost to Fukushima and Matsuo 3-6; drew with Nakamura and Johchi 6-6; beat Edo and Niki 6-2.

Brown and Skinner (K.C.C.) lost to Fukushima and Matsuo 3-6; drew with Nakamura and Johchi 6-6; lost to Edo and Niki 3-6.

Capell and Carroll (K.C.C.) lost to Fukushima and Matsuo 2-6; lost to Nakamura and Johchi 3-6; lost to Edo and Niki 4-6.

Chinese R.C. Win "B" Division Championship.

The Chinese Recreation Club on Wednesday defeated the University in their last match of the league tennis season, and have thus won the "B" Division championship of the league.

The University could only secure two of the nine sets at stake, and lost to a better-balanced combination. Scores:

Yew Man-kit and Ho Ka-lau (C.R.C.) beat D. J. N. Anderson and Y. F. Chew 7-5; beat G. E. Yeoh and Y. K. Ng 7-5; beat F. Y. Khoo and T. K. Lien 6-3.

W. C. Hung and Chiu Chun-chiu (C.R.C.) beat Anderson and Chew 6-4; beat Yeoh and Ng 6-3; beat Khoo and Lien 6-2.

H. Lo and Lu Tak-cheuk (C.R.C.) beat Anderson and Chew 6-0; lost to Yeoh and Ng 5-7; lost to Khoo and Lien 3-6.



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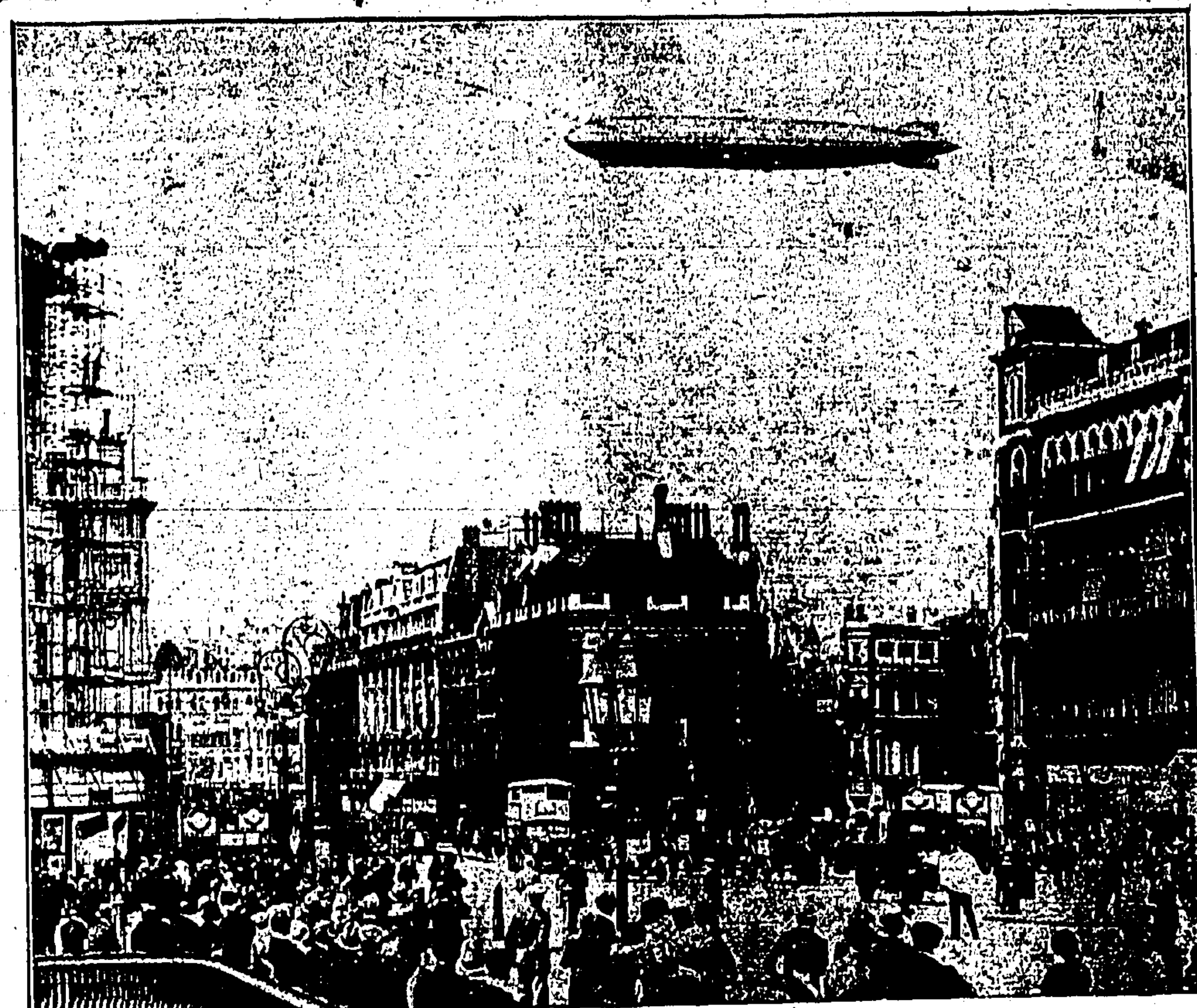
In what position should the left hand be placed on the club?

If it is natural to the player to keep the back of the left hand turned over so that it shows on top of the club, it is a point to cultivate, believes Joyce Wethered, Great Britain's foremost woman golfer, and generally accepted as the world's outstanding feminine player.

This particular point will assist one in keeping a straight left arm by slightly increasing the tension of the left elbow, preventing it from crumpling, which often is the cause for loss of both accuracy and distance.

Keep the hands low at the address. This brings the body into the correct angle of position over the ball, leaning slightly with the weight kept well back on the heels.—ART KRENZ.

ARRIVAL OF GRAF ZEPPELIN IN LONDON.



The German airship Graf Zeppelin under the command of Dr. Eckener, arrived at the aerodrome at Hanworth Park, Middlesex. On her way she passed over London, where a fine view of her was obtained. Our picture shows the airship over Blackfriars Bridge.—(Times copyright).

CANTON RACE CLUB.

CHINESE SYNDICATE FORMED.

With a view to promoting a Kwangtung Race Club and holding regular race meetings at the newly constructed Shek Pai Race Course in the eastern suburb of Canton, some prominent local Chinese merchants and owners of stakes and members of the Hongkong Jockey Club have formed a "China Sports Co. Ltd." with a capital of \$210,000, which will be divided into 21,000 shares of \$10 each. Among the twenty founders are Messrs. Li Tse-fong, Chan Lim-pak, Shun Pak-ming, Y. M. Lo, P. S. Chan, Tsin Kwong-yan, Tsang Pak-ki, etc. The scheme has nothing to do with the Hongkong Jockey Club.

The Company's Treasurer, Mr. Tsang Pak-ki, told a representative of the Press yesterday afternoon that each of the twenty founders had been assigned 1,100 shares and consequently there would be no offer to the public of shares. The Company had paid the required deposit to the Municipal Government of Canton, which had agreed to permit the Company to run the Shek Pai Race Course for a period of twenty years on the condition that the Company would build its own stables and public stands at a total cost of \$200,000 within eighteen months. The Company further promises to extend its buildings on the Course after five years.

Mr. Tsang said that the managers of the Company were making arrangements with the architects for the construction of the stands, which work would begin in the near future. It was a purely Chinese concern as far as the management was concerned, although the informant predicted that foreigners and European jockeys would undoubtedly be admitted as members for the Kwangtung Race Club.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.20 E. B. Gammel & R. H. Griffiths.
9.24 E. P. White & H. H. Mundy.
9.28 I. H. Geare & J. K. MacFarlan.
9.32 Capt. Anderson & O. Eager.
9.36 D. J. Gilmore & R. K. Hepburn.
9.40 A. D. Humphreys & T. S. Whyte-Smith.
9.44 G. T. May & H. T. Buxton.
9.48 E. R. West & D. S. Evans.
9.52 A. Lench & W. R. Vallance.
9.56 E. T. E. Nash & G. H. Bond.
10.00 W. C. Huley & W. D. Harris.
10.04 J. E. Richardson & R. M. Wood.
10.08 A. J. R. Wolff & H. Lowe.
10.12 Alan Reid & D. S. Robb.
10.16 H. W. Duley & I. G. Allison.

SOCCER TOUR.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM TO VISIT CHINA.

If nothing untoward occurs in the interval, it is believed in certain quarters that an Australian Soccer team will be sent to China next year, says the *Dribbene Courier*. That the Australian Soccer football team, now in Java, is the strongest team that ever left the country, was the opinion expressed by Mr. J. O. Wileshaw (joint manager). Mr. Wileshaw is confident that the tourists will not lose a match. Mr. E. Lakeman (joint manager) was equally confident of Australia's success, and felt that the combination was better than even the 1928 touring side.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended Sept. 17th, 1910.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9½d.

The Colony's Budget statement showed that the balance at the end of 1910 would be \$1,354,758. Revenue for 1911 was estimated at \$7,080,383 and expenditure at \$7,385,320.

The annual report of the Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Co., Ltd., showed a balance to debit of Profit and Loss Account of \$52,342.68.

Messrs. H. W. Lester, D. J. Donne, A. H. Reiss, H. Bates, A. L. Dawson, D. M. Rees and E. P. H. Lang joined the Scouts Company of the Volunteer Corps.

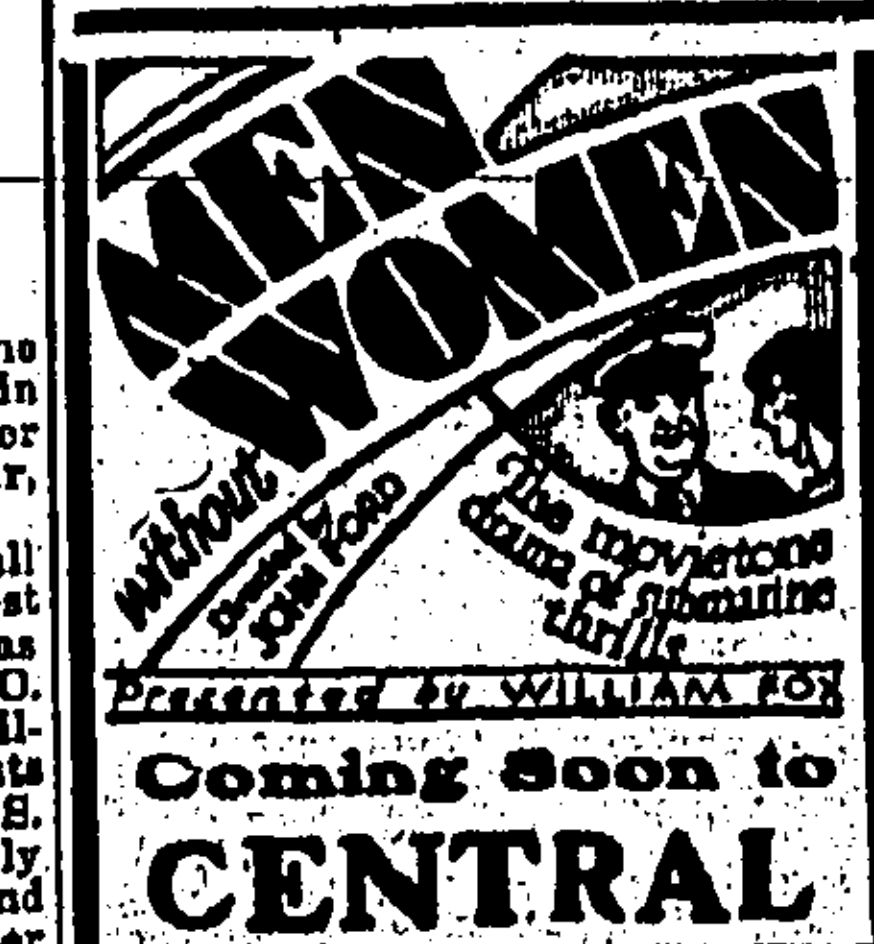
MILITARY TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

ROYAL ENGINEER SERVICES WIN FINAL MATCH.

The championship of the Hongkong Area Military Tennis League was decided at Sookunpoo on Tuesday last, when the Royal Engineer Services, winners of the Hongkong Section, opposed the Royal Corp of Signals, winners of the Kowloon Section. An interesting match was witnessed in which the Engineers ran out winners by 6½ sets to 2½ sets.

The results were as follow:
Major W. A. F. Kerrich and Capt. C. A. de Lind (Royal Engineers) beat Lt. H. Gough and Sign. Morris 6-3; beat Sign. Williams and Sign. Gillet 6-0; beat L/C. Higgins and Sign. Patience 6-1.

S. M. Atkinson and S. M. Paul (Royal Engineers) beat Gough and Morris 6-2; beat Williams and Gillet 6-4; beat Higgins and Patience 6-4. Supt. Clerk Scott and Sgt. Savill (Royal Engineers) drew with Gough and Morris; lost to Williams and Gillet 6-11; lost to Higgins and Patience 4-6.



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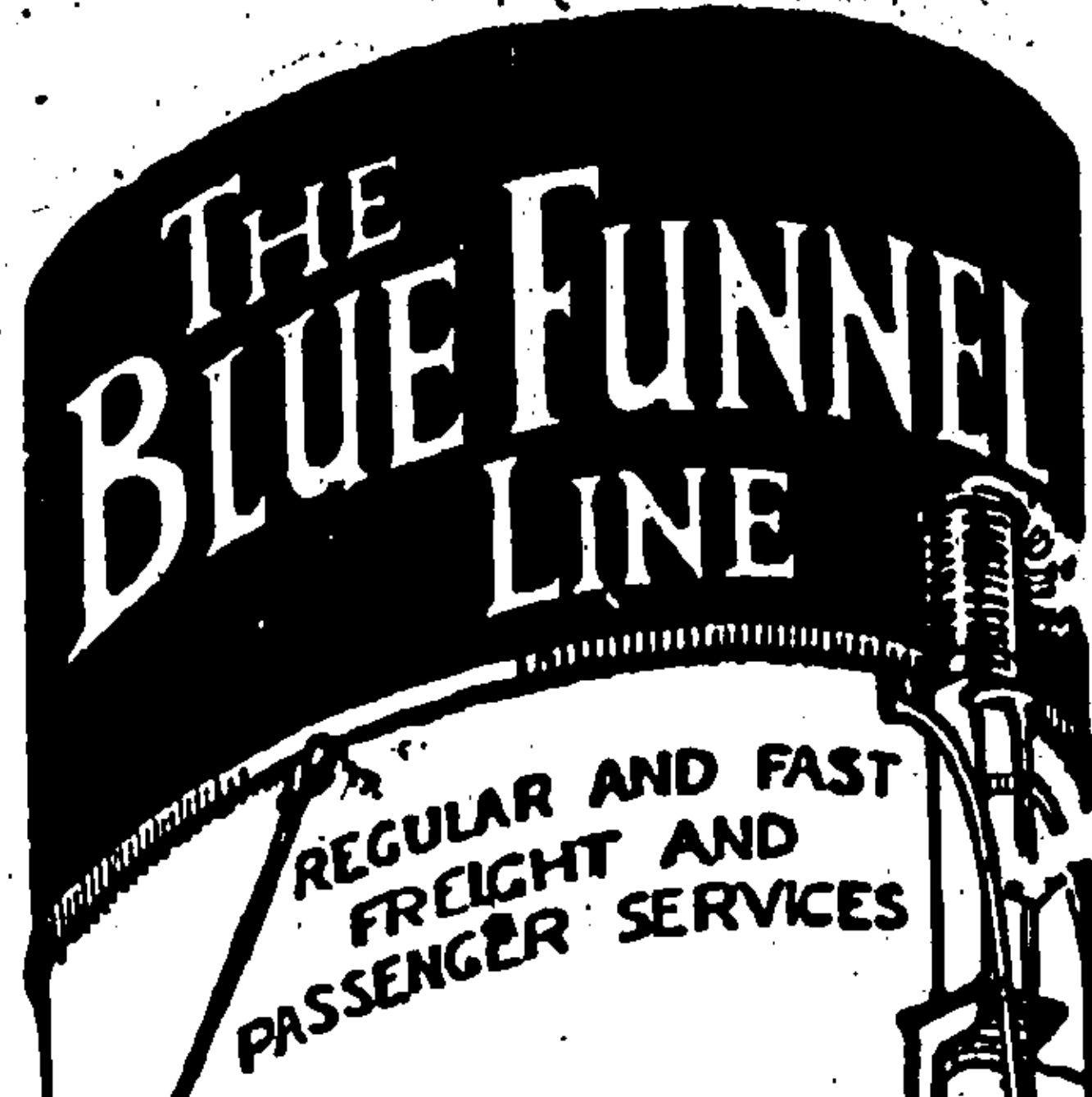
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	Hinsang	Wed. 23rd Sept at	3 p.m.
	Yuesang	Sun. 4th Oct at	3 p.m.
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HANKOW FLOOD INQUIRY.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF DYKE FUNDS.

Nanking, Sept. 13.

Quite a sensation was caused in political circles yesterday when it became known that the Executive Yuan had issued urgent instructions to the Hupeh Provincial Government ordering an immediate investigation into the alleged Dyke Tax scandal at Hankow, which has been claimed in certain quarters as the principal cause for the breach of the dykes and the consequent disastrous floods.

Two high officials, namely, Mr. Liu Wen-tao, formerly Mayor of Hankow and at present Provincial Commissioner of Civil Affairs for Hupeh, and Mr. Pan Chia-shih, Director of the Water Conservancy Bureau of the Hankow Municipality, are involved.

The inquiry was ordered pursuant to a petition from the Hupeh Residents' Association at the capital submitted to President Chiang Kai-shek.

The petition charges Mr. Liu Wen-tao with failure to render a clear account of some \$20 millions municipal revenue collected during his several years' administration as Mayor of Hankow, while Mr. Pang Chia-shih, Director of the Water Conservancy Bureau is alleged to have misappropriated \$100,000 of the dyke tax receipts in collusion with a certain engineering firm known as the Chuan-Kiang Company.

It is alleged that misappropriation of the dyke funds was responsible for the breach of the dykes thereby causing the unprecedented floods. Immediate dismissal and severe punishment

THE CHINA COAST.

RECENT TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Capt. A. H. Bathurst, from short leave, has gone sup'y. master, Wanchien.

Capt. J. S. G. Brown, sup'y. master, Wanchien, has gone home.

Mr. E. H. Mutton, chief officer, Yingchow, has gone chief officer, Chungking.

Mr. R. B. C. Lee, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Anshan.

Mr. H. V. Steer, chief officer, Nanning, has gone chief officer, Yingchow.

Mr. E. L. Butcher, acting chief officer, Yingchow, has gone second officer, Fatsan.

Mr. T. W. Scott, second officer, Fatsan, has gone second officer, Yingchow.

Mr. W. Bambo, from reserve, has gone second officer, Soochow.

Mr. J. E. Storey, second officer, Soochow, has gone second officer, Kaying.

Mr. E. G. Thomas, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Nanning.

Mr. H. S. Patrickson, sup'y. chief officer, Wanchien, has gone chief officer, Liangchow.

Mr. G. Walker, has been appointed sup'y. second officer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. T. S. Stewart, sup'y. second officer, Fengtien, has gone second officer, Nanning.

Mr. R. L. Stenner, second officer, Nanning, has gone second officer, Wuhu.

Mr. S. L. Garrett, second officer, Wuhu, has gone sup'y. second officer, Wanchien.

Mr. J. A. H. Pontin, sup'y. chief officer, Wanchien, has gone on special duty at Tientsin.

Mr. J. H. Bryson, chief engineer officer, Kwangtung, has gone sup'y. chief engineer officer, Kaying.

Mr. A. C. Morice, sup'y. second engineer officer, Kwangtung, has gone acting chief engineer officer, the same ship.

Mr. F. L. Pears, sup'y. third engineer officer, Kaying, is in transit.

Mr. G. Winter, from short leave,



Undaunted by a steady rain, more than 500 depositors in the defunct "Bank of United States" gathered at New York's city hall the other day to demand the return of their lost money. Here you see some of the placards borne in the demonstration: "Change Bank Laws to Protect Savings," "We Demand Prosecution of All Directors," "State Must Reimburse Depositors," "Bankers Don't Go Hungry," "Workers Do," "Tax the stockholders \$25,000,000."

of these two alleged delinquent officials are recommended by the Association.—Kuo Min.

Shanghai Scenes.

Practically all over the water front in Shanghai, can be seen parties of destitute refugees from Hankow, and in every party there seems to be an extraordinarily large proportion of babies, says the N. C. D. News. These little mites usually void of any vestige of clothing can be seen lying on their backs on the cold pavement solemnly sucking their toes oblivious of the surroundings. One such baby was seen on the Bund in the centre of the pavement and at least six feet from the mother who seemed fit to ignore the fact that there was a possibility of the child being trodden on by busy pedestrians.

VISITING BISHOPS.

TO PREACH AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

St. John's Cathedral is to have something of a field day on Sunday next when there will be a Bishop preaching at both the morning and evening services.

The preacher at 11 a.m. will be the Right Rev. John Hind D.D., the Bishop in Fukien, who has been many years in China. He is one of the many Irishmen from Trinity College, Dublin, who have done such fine work in Fukien that the Province has become known as the "paddy field of China."

At the evening service at 6 p.m. the preacher will be the Right Rev. H. W. K. Mowll D.D., the Bishop of Western China. He got his trial cap for rowing at Cambridge and came out to Szechwan in 1922. Some years ago he, with some other missionaries, was captured by bandits and held to ransom for

has gone sup'y. third engineer officer, Kaying.

Mr. J. F. Green, third engineer officer, Nanyang, has gone third engineer officer, Linan, at Amoy.

Mr. J. J. Forster, from short leave, has gone sup'y. third engineer officer, Wuchang.

Mr. G. E. Judge, second engineer officer, Sinkiang, is in transit.

Mr. H. L. Elliott, second engineer officer, Kintang, has gone second engineer officer, Sinkiang.

Mr. D. I. Greer, third engineer officer, Tean, has gone third engineer officer, Taiyuan.

Mr. H. C. Higgs, third engineer officer, Taiyuan, has gone third engineer officer, Tean.

Mr. M. Scott, sup'y. second engineer officer, Wuhu, has gone second engineer officer, Hanyang.

Mr. F. Appleton, sup'y. second engineer officer, in transit, has gone second engineer officer, Shantung.

Mr. W. M. Wright, acting second engineer officer, Shantung, has gone acting second engineer officer.

Mr. C. H. Jones, acting second engineer officer, Hanyang, has gone third engineer officer, the same ship.

Mr. S. J. Radgan, from reserve, has gone master, Fuhwo.

Mr. G. I. Lawson, master, Fuhwo, is on reserve.

Mr. A. Livingston, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer officer, Leesang.

Mr. A. McNay, chief engineer officer, Leesang, has gone chief engineer officer, Changwo.

Mr. R. Symington, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, Weishang.

Mr. E. McNab, from short leave has gone second engineer officer, Paowu.

Mr. A. McN. Marshall, second engineer officer, Paowu, is on short leave.

several weeks before being released.

Both preachers will have interesting things to tell of the interior of China in these unsettled times, and it is expected that a large number will be at the Cathedral to hear them.

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH.

COMBINED SERVICES SIDE TO MEET SOUTH CHINA.

Local fans will have an excellent opportunity of judging the class of football to be "served up" this season if they journey to the Hongkong Football Club Ground, Happy Valley, tomorrow afternoon when the South China Athletic Association will meet a combined Services XI in a Charity Match. His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.) has kindly promised to kick-off at 4.30 p.m. and judging by the enthusiasm displayed a record gate is anticipated.

It is unnecessary to eulogize the South China team. Their record in the League and Shield matches is still fresh in our minds whilst their overwhelming success in the games played during their recent tour is recalled when one considers that out of a total of twenty games played—17 were won and the remaining 3 drawn, an achievement of which any team might be justly proud.

We can always rely upon good football from the Services. The interest which the Authorities take in this favourite sport, and the keenness with which the men enter into the game is an indication of the high standard which is reached. With the absence of most of the Fleet in Northern waters the majority of the Services team is drawn from the Army, but the selection is nevertheless a very good one and a very interesting match is promised.

The proceeds of the game are to be divided between The Kwong Tung Flood Relief Fund and the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home. The money received by the former charity will be devoted to the relief of the distressed in the devastated areas of the Kwong Tung Province, which have suffered so severely in the recent floods, whilst the proportion allocated to the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home will go in its entirety towards the work which is being undertaken for Service Men, a work which has on many occasions received the commendation of Government Officials as well as the respect and praise of the Naval and Military

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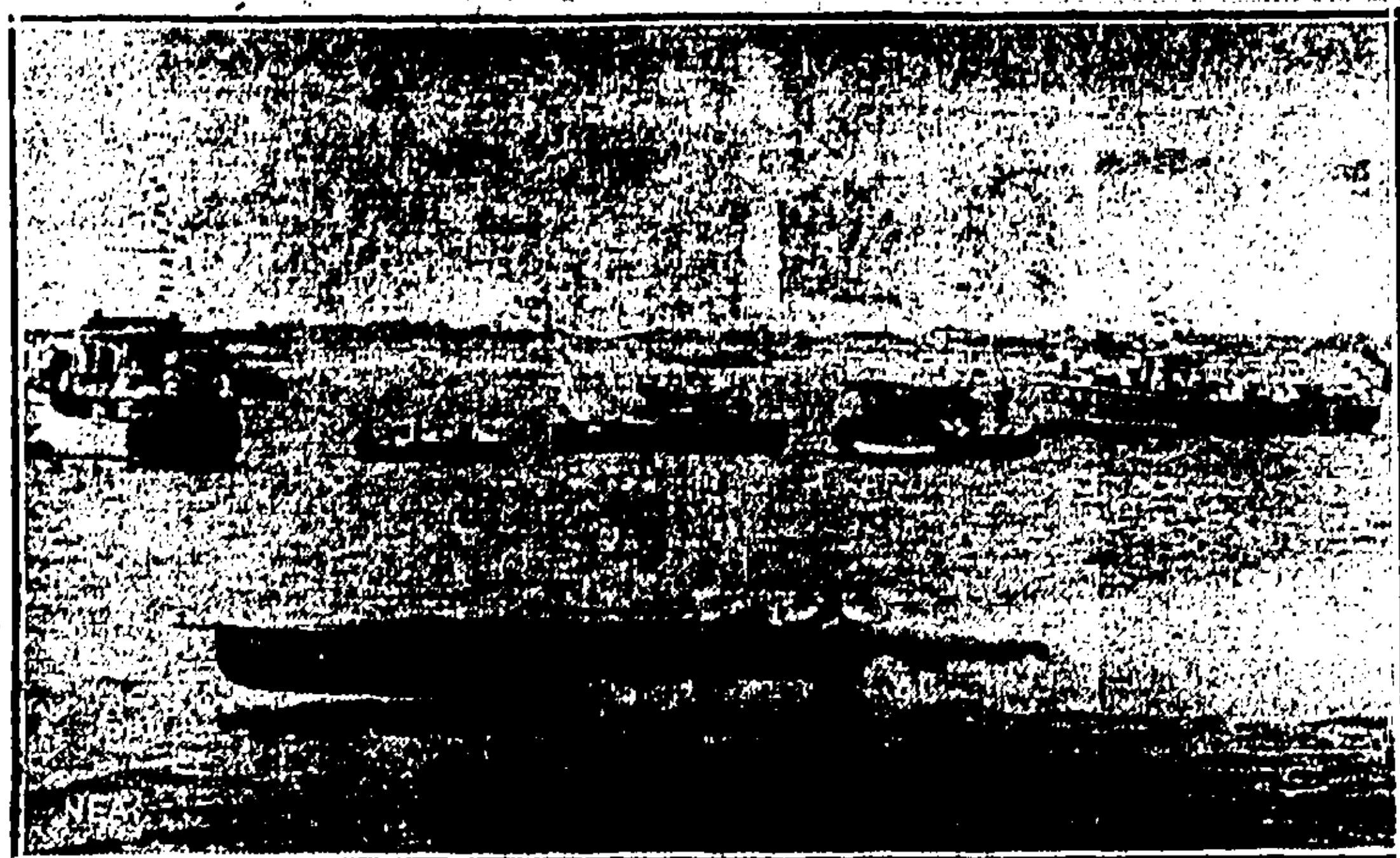
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LOCAL ESTATE OF LORD STAMFORDHAM.

Hongkong estate worth \$81,000 with net personally elsewhere amounting to £140,947 7s. 3d. was left by the late Lord Stamfordham, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., I.S.O., Private Secretary to His Majesty the King, who died at St. James' Palace, Westminster, on March 31, 1931. Local estate consists of 40 shares in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Re-sealing of a certified copy of probate of the will and codicil has been granted to Mr. D. H. Blake, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, who is attorney for the executrixes, the Hon. Victoria Eugenie Adeane, No. 1 Dean Trench Street, Westminster, and the Hon. Margaret Bligge, St. James' Palace, both being daughters of testator, the former a widow and the latter a spinster.

After settling aside a sum of £5,000 free of duty to be applied to the care and maintenance of the widowed daughter's son, and in a codicil, giving to his butler, Mr. Walter Smithson, an annuity of £60 during his life, testator bequeathed everything to the executrixes and their heirs.

Y.M.C.A. WINTER PROGRAMME.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS' COMMITTEES.

Members of the European Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon gathered last night to discuss the winter programme and to elect committees for the various sections of their activities. A large attendance was presided over by Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

Mr. J. H. Hunt (Secretary) said: Not often the Secretary has the opportunity of speaking in this way to a group of members, and although there is a lot I would like to say, I will confine my remarks to just a few aspects of our Association life.

I think the Hockey Club is about to start its best season. Under the captaincy of McLennan and the prospects are exceedingly bright. May I suggest that non-playing members should whenever possible, go to the ground at King's Park and watch the matches. It will encourage the players and provide an interesting hour.

You will not misunderstand me when I say we want to capture more of the Association spirit in our Y.M.C.A. Some of us have it, but we want all to have it. True success will come when members think more of their obligations to the Association than their privileges. Some of us have a vision of what this Y.M.C.A. could mean to the Colony. We see a body of men eager for service—that when a spot of work is needed to be done then here are the men to do it. Let us commence with the activities of our own programme—there is enough variety in it to satisfy all tastes. Every part of the activities is important, whether it is the dance or the Quiet Hour. It is all part of the whole.

Now a word on the more directly spiritual part of the programme. There is, of course, a spiritual background to all we do under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. But there is a need for spiritual fellowship and study. At present the "Quiet Hour" is the only rallying point of this nature. Those of you who were present on Sunday last will have caught some idea of what

this meeting can mean. We would like to go a little further this winter, and hold a weekly study circle or group. In conversation with fellows I have often noticed that if a religious topic is introduced a lively interest is shown. This of course, is quite natural, for we are all interested in spiritual things, although we may be rather reticent about them. The intention of this circle is to study subjects from the Christian viewpoint. The proceedings will be quite informal and members will be invited to be frank in dealing with the questions under review. I shall be pleased to receive offers from members to serve on a small committee to consider this idea, for it is impossible to expect any success without the co-operation of the members.

Committees Elected.

The following committees were elected:
Social—Messrs. G. W. E. True, J. C. Grenham, A. White, J. J. Ferguson, W. Stoker and R. Dormer.

Billiards—Messrs. H. Burson, E. Ponsford, J. Snelling.
Literary and Debating—Messrs. T. J. Price, E. R. Price, T. V. Harmon, C. Carruthers, S. A. Gray, S. A. Sweet and A. C. Jeffreys.

Golf—Messrs. G. Russell and H. Hampton and Dr. Cogan.
Rambles—Messrs. L. Guy, C. Manning, R. C. Grant, and J. Barnes.

Camera—Messrs. J. C. Grenham, T. V. Harmon, L. Bergquest.
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A.D.C.—Messrs. S. M. West, S. A. Sweet, H. Brokenshire, J. J. Ferguson, J. Robertson and R. Dormer.
Basketball—Messrs. R. Dormer, H. Angus, A. F. Brennan, D. Marshall, and C. Whitehead.
The appointment of committees was followed by a discussion on and suggestions on the various activities proposed, and the meet-

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KIDDERPORE	5,300	6th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SANTHIA	8,000	9th Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NALDERA	16,000	10th Oct.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,000	17th Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALMA	10,000	23rd Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MACDONIA	11,000	24th Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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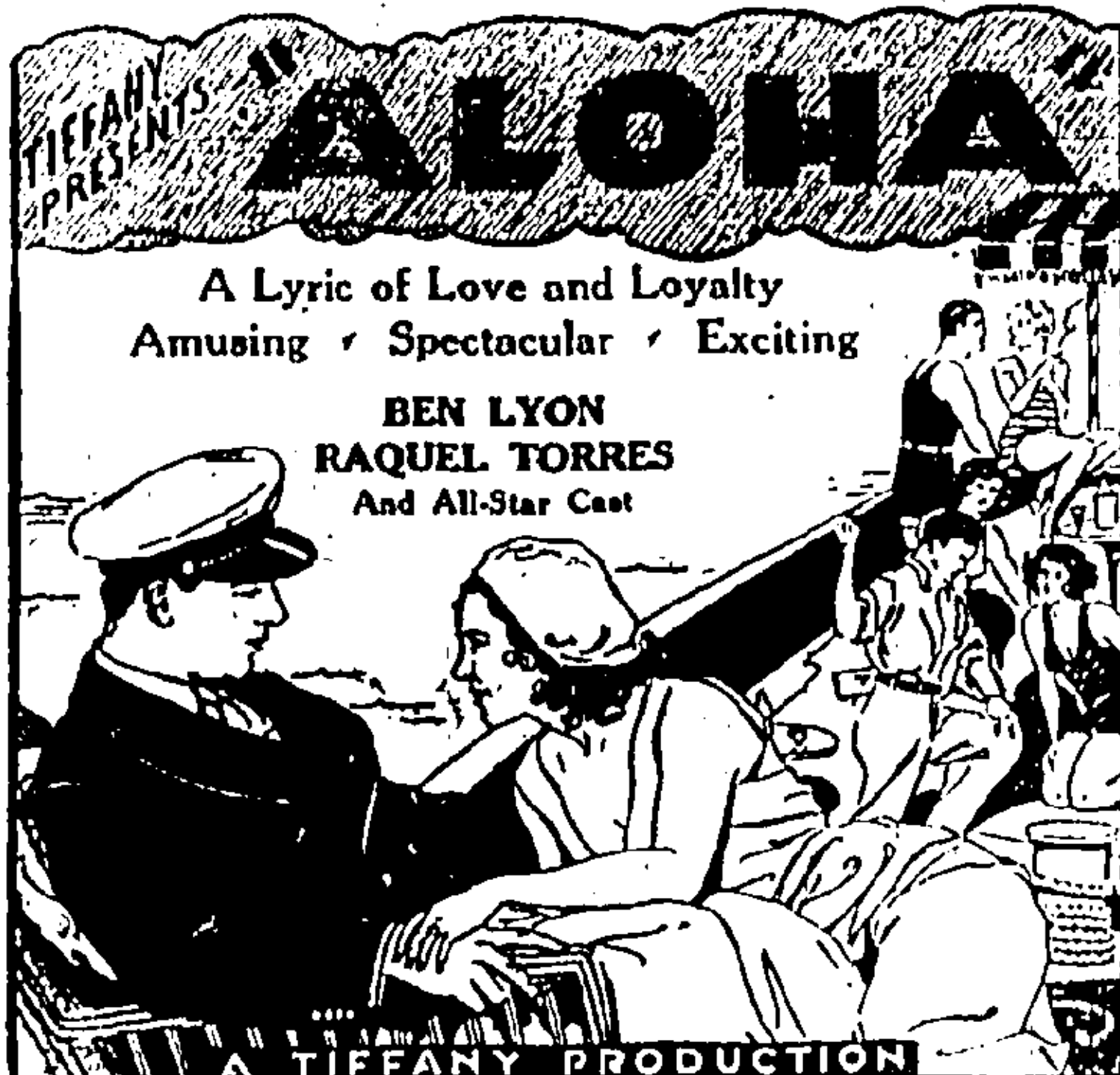
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TECHNICAL OFFENCE.

Mr. E. Spiers, of the European Y.M.C.A., was summoned before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning on charges of failing to sound his horn when approaching a crossroad in Prince Edward Road at 11.15 a.m. on September 6, whilst riding on motor cycle No. 38. He was further charged with failing to carry a licence disc so as to be clearly visible at daylight in Castle Peak road on the same day.

Sergeant Clarke said with regard to the first charge, defendant was riding his cycle along Prince Edward Road in the direction of Waterloo Road, and failed to reduce speed when approaching the cross-road at a speed of approximately 35 miles an hour.

His Worship:—Is that correct? Were you going at about 35 miles an hour?

Mr. Spiers:—I couldn't say, but the officer is probably right.

His Worship:—Was there much traffic?

Sgt. Clarke: No, the road was clear.

Must he reduce speed if the road is clear?—He couldn't have known that the road was clear.

Why?—He could not have known there was no traffic until he got to within 15 yards of the road.

Mr. Spiers:—I know the corners fairly well, your Worship.

His Worship:—We all do.

Sgt. Clarke added that Mr. Spiers held a clean record.

His Worship said he found defendant guilty of a technical offence with regard to the first charge and fined him \$5. On the second charge, defendant was cautioned.

STRANGE CANTON STORY.

CHIANG'S REPORTED
GESTURE.

Canton, Sept. 18. In an effort to preserve friendly relations between the Northern and Southern Governments, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is quoted as having telegraphed to the Government leaders here suggesting the complete relinquishment of his Kuomintang connections with the Central Government, which is tantamount to his resignation of the Presidency.

Marshal Chiang further suggests that he should retain his title as Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Army, Navy and Air Forces and to avoid any further political trouble, he proposes to establish his Headquarters at Hankow instead of Nanking.

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THE RATIO OF THE RUPEE.

VICEROY DENIES RUMOURS
OF CHANGES.

SOUND FINANCE.

Simla, Sept. 18. Lord Willingdon, the Viceroy of India, in the course of an address in the legislature, referred to the unprecedented economic storm that was disturbing India along with the rest of the world. The Viceroy announced that the Government of India was determined to meet the situation adequately, while maintaining the principle of sound finance.

His Excellency added: "It is our policy that my Government propose to meet difficulties by such methods as lowering the value of the country's currency are entirely unfounded."—Through Reuter.

"Entirely Unfounded."

Simla, Sept. 18. "Inconceivable" is the term applied by officials of the Government of India to rumours, having their genesis in Shanghai, regarding any change in the ratio of the rupee from the existing statutory ratio of sixteen-pence.

Reuter is authorised to state that the rumours are entirely unfounded and that the Government of India will use all their resources to maintain the existing statutory ratio. It is said that the rumours in question probably originated with a resolution tabled by the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly calling on the Government of India to review the exchange position.

The Government's position was stated by Sir George Schuster, Finance Member, only yesterday, when he said that if the Government reverted to a sixteen-pence ratio they would require to raise five crores of rupee (Rs.50,000,000) more revenue to meet their statutory obligations. The deficit was unofficially estimated at twelve crores of rupee (Rs.120,000,000), hence, it was impossible for the Government to revert to a ratio of sixteen-pence.

The Present Policy.

While it is recognised that the Government of India has difficulty, in the present state of trade stagnation, in maintaining the rupee exchange rate, the opinion is generally held that the present policy of issuing short-term loans at a high rate of interest together with resolute efforts to effect economy and, possibly, slight temporary increase of rates in public utility services, will help maintain the ratio of the rupee.—Reuter.

A car driver this morning was fined \$20 for dangerous driving at Stubbs Road, the incident occurring at a corner above "Huntington". Mr. P. Tester, it was stated, made a complaint which resulted in the summons.

PUBLIC OPINION IN CANTON.

MAYOR'S NOVEL SCHEME FOR
CONSULTATION.

GOOD RESPONSE.

Believing that the public should be consulted in the administration and reconstruction schemes of the Municipality, the Mayor of Canton has placed a box in front of the Municipality Building in which the public are invited to make any suggestions or complaints.

The Mayor's invitation is meeting with ready response, as since the placing of the "Public Opinion Box" some ten days ago, no less than a dozen letters have been collected daily, which is a healthy sign that the city's populace are taking a lively interest in the administration of their own city. The fact that the matter is very seriously dealt with is shown by the Mayor's personally opening and reading these letters, which, it is understood, consist mostly of suggestions regarding the city's many reconstruction problems. These suggestions will be carefully considered and adopted where beneficial.

SUNKEN PLANE SALVAGED.

BRITAIN'S AIR SPEED
RECORD PLANS.

London, Sept. 17. The racing seaplane in which Flight Lieutenant Stainforth met with mishap yesterday, was raised from eight fathoms, in which it sank in the Solent, by a salvage boat today.

It did not appear to be much damaged. Preparations for Stainforth's attempt to break his own record for the international three-kilometre course of 379 miles an hour are continuing.

The standard Rolls-Royce engine has been removed from the Vickers Seaplane in which Flight Lieutenant Boothman won the Schneider Trophy and set up the hundred-kilometre record of 342 miles an hour, and a special Rolls-Royce engine designed for the attack on the speed record is being installed in its place.

An attempt will be made as soon as the weather conditions are suitable.—British Wireless.

GRAF ZEPPELIN OFF ONCE AGAIN.

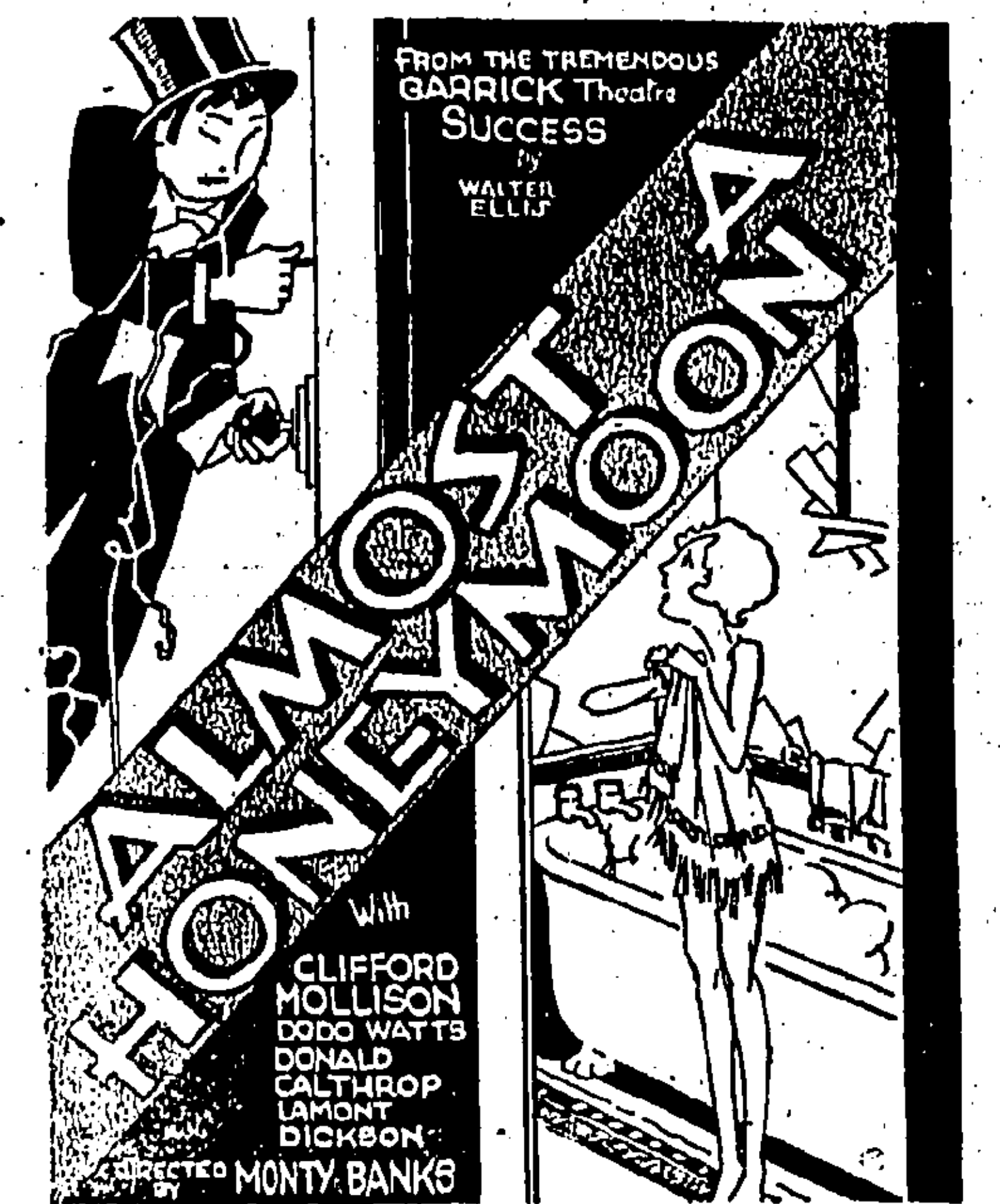
ANOTHER ATLANTIC
FLIGHT.

Berlin, Sept. 17. The Graf Zeppelin left Friedrichshafen at 1.15 a.m. to-day on another trip to Pernambuco.—Reuter.

QUEEN'S

THEATRE

To-day & To-morrow At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20



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A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture

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Added Attraction

1. "They go Boom"
2. Fox Movietone News.



The picture ends with a dramatic climax in which sensational battles with the "Tigers of the sea" and an astounding denouement figure, Ramon Novarro wins the girl and conquers his enemy.

Next Change

Commencing September 20th, M.G.M. Picture.
"SO THIS IS COLLEGE"

For dangerous driving, a chauffeur in the employ of Professor Digby was fined \$10 by Mr. Schofield this morning. Mr. P. J. Woodhouse, G.E., prosecuting, stated that the car overtook a bus at a sharp corner in Bunham Road and caused witness, in another car, from the opposite direction, to swerve sharply to avert a collision.

Wong Shu-shan, formerly a tally-man in the employ of the Wing Yuen Firm, No. 15, Connaught Road Central, who died intestate at No. 144, Wellington Street, on December 7, 1930, left a local estate which has been valued at \$22,100. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Wong Leung-shi, of the Wellington Street address.

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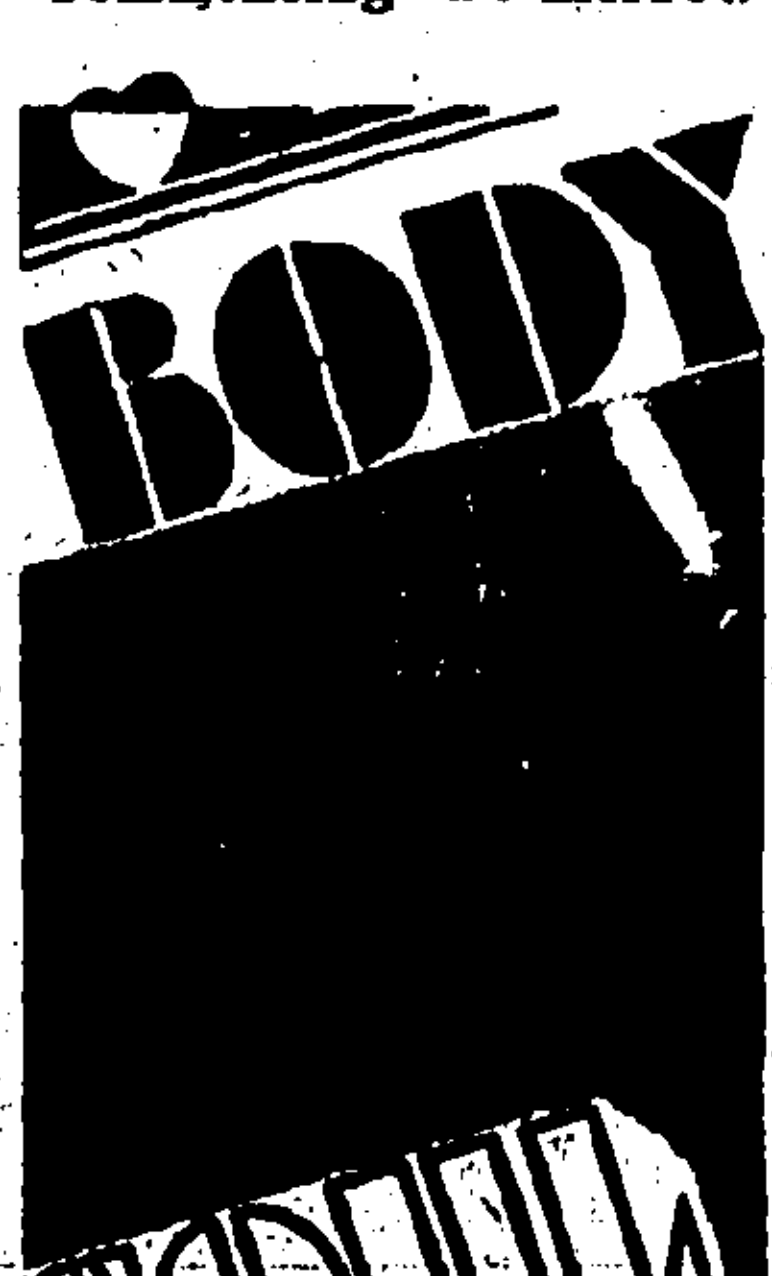
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